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Runcie revelations force review of future Supreme Governor's position

Angry Church leaders query Prince's role

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Prince of Wales's suitability to become Supreme Governor of the Church of England is being questioned at the highest level after Lord Runcie's assessment that he has "given up" on the Church.

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strong statement of Christian commitment from the Prince. But in his television interview with Jonathan Dimbleby last year, the Prince expressed his wish to be "defender of faith" rather than the defender of the Protestant faith.

assumed for conversations between archbishops, heads of state and royalty appears to have been breached. Mr Carpenter's book contains telling details of the Prince of Wales's marriage preparations, and steps are being taken to prevent a repetition.



Through the eye of a needle: the Prince in Birmingham yesterday as controversy raged over his religious beliefs

Boy wins caning case hearing in Europe

BY FRANCES GIRA, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A BOY aged 12 yesterday cleared the first hurdle in bringing a test case in Europe which could lead to the smacking of children by parents being outlawed.

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'It's for you - it's your solicitor'

Hanson wary of Labour's business pitch

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR'S attempts to portray Labour as more sympathetic to business are dismissed today by Lord Hanson, the industrialist.

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Public may be allowed to hit back at strikers

BY PHILIP BASSETT, JILL SHERMAN AND PHILIP WEBSTER

PLANS to allow the unions to be sued for heavy damages if they order strikers in the monopoly public services and longer cooling-off periods before industrial action are to be considered by ministers.

line the message that his party is no longer in hock to the trade unions and that they will be given no special favours.

Mr Major said: "Strikes against the people who pay taxes seem to me to be out of date and wholly inappropriate in a monopoly service."

Monks' rallying call, page 2

Police anger over database disorder

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S unique DNA database, a ground-breaking weapon in the fight against crime, is in disarray with less than half of the 168,000 samples sent by police having been processed.

agreed to have samples processed and entered on the databank within 14 days. They accuse the scientists of ignoring police estimates for the number of samples and using too few staff.

Government lawyers seek to close new fraud loophole

BY OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

GOVERNMENT lawyers are urgently working to plug a legal loophole that has seriously undermined the ability of prosecuting authorities to tackle a range of frauds.

As a result of the ruling, which was made in July, prosecuting authorities have been left to try to bring far less appropriate charges, such as conspiracy to defraud, which is harder to prove and does not in any case affect cases where only one criminal is involved.

large number of appeals being lodged by convicted fraudsters. But a further ruling has limited the right of fraudsters to lodge appeals and only a handful have done so.

cannot amount to obtaining the property of another. Publicly, prosecuting authorities are trying to play down the impact of the ruling.

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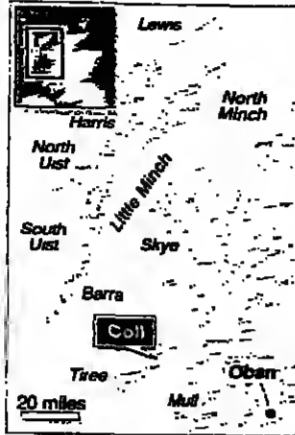
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Plan to torture rich businessman

Jailed kidnapper plotted second abduction in cell

By RICHARD DUCE

A CONVICTED kidnapper hatched a sophisticated plan from his high-security prison cell to abduct, torture and murder a wealthy businessman in an attempt to extort £20 million, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday.



De Houghton was also devising a scheme to have himself broken out of jail to take full control of the plot after failing to negotiate parole or early release.

The businessman was to have been held on a remote island in the Hebrides, injected with heroin and forced to authorise money transfers, the court was told. Then the scheme was to have the businessman killed — probably with a drug overdose — because the mastermind of the plan, Sachverell De Houghton, had been caught before when a kidnapper victim escaped.

De Houghton, 56, serving ten years for the earlier kidnapping, planned to recruit professional criminals to carry out the abduction of the businessman, known only as Mr G. William Boyce for the prosecution, said. De Houghton had set in train an intricate scheme to gain the confidence of Mr G, and was to set up bogus credentials as well as bank accounts into which the ransom money could be paid.

Richard tape-recorded many of his meetings with Morrison before it was decided to move in and arrest him and De Houghton who was serving time in a prison on the Isle of Wight.

Mr Boyce described how De Houghton had been jailed in March 1992 for abduction but from then on was "preparing for the day when he would be released and wished to make sure he would have substantial funds to enjoy life".

From his cell De Houghton established "a whole host" of communications. He negotiated the purchase of a castle on Coll and also an alternative base to hold Mr G on an isolated estate in Cornwall. De Houghton had headed stationery printed with the two addresses. He then engaged the services of solicitors, surveyors and banks to set up a

chain allowing him to launder the ransom money, which included setting up an account in Denmark. Mr Boyce said: "Morrison was to buy heroin, which De Houghton emphasised should be pure, to be administered to G. He was also to buy LSD as well as CS gas and a tourniquet to render veins more accessible for injection." Mr Boyce said Mr G "would be forced to issue instructions to his staff under torture".

The court was told how De Houghton, who was worried about being caught again, issued instructions at the end of many of his letters that they should be destroyed after being read. However, Morrison kept many of them as "security".

The court was told how Richard visited De Houghton in jail and, after initial reservations, the kidnapper mastermind decided he would be an ideal recruit. In fact, Richard gained De Houghton's confidence to such an extent that Morrison was relegated to a secondary role.

Police finally moved in in February this year fearing that De Houghton might have recruited an alternative gang that would murder Mr G while their covert operation was going on. Morrison was arrested at a station near his home in Thornton Heath, south London, and close to tears asked police, "How long will I get for this?" it was alleged.

De Houghton claimed that he was acting under duress from another criminal, Mr Boyce said: "He claimed he was acting under instructions because he was in fear of a violent and dangerous criminal from his prison."

Botham to seek libel retrial

By A STAFF REPORTER

IAN BOTHAM is to appeal and seek a retrial after losing his libel battle against Imran Khan, his lawyer said yesterday.

Botham, who with fellow cricketer Allan Lamb sought damages against the former Pakistani captain, is appealing on the grounds that the jury was misdirected during the libel action, which they lost in July leaving them with an estimated legal bill of £400,000.

Botham and Lamb sued Imran for libel, claiming that he branded them cheats and racists. But a High Court jury rejected their action after a 13-day trial.

Rhory Robertson, from Botham's solicitors Swepstone Walsh, said: "We are appealing against the majority verdict of the jury." He said Lamb was still considering his position and would make a decision after meeting his legal team on Wednesday. Both men were expected to appeal against the verdict.

Lamb has until the end of the month to lodge a challenge. He said last week: "I'm thinking of an appeal at the moment and I'll see how we go from there."

Howard Cohen, solicitor for Imran, said that he was trying to get in touch with his client, who would be vigorously fighting the appeal.



Botham: appeal set in motion

Wheelchair thief got away too fast

By ROBIN YOUNG

AN ARMED robber's speedy getaway after holding up a fish-and-chip shop in his wheelchair was his downfall.

Darren Staddon, 21, paralysed from the waist after a fall last year, had to be helped into the shop in Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, by two other customers because he could not get up the two steps without assistance. When his turn came to be served he ordered a spring roll, milk shake and a jar of cookies. Then, while the shop owner's back was turned, he pulled out an imitation handgun and demanded money from the till.

Having been given about £100 by the terrified owner, Staddon then wheeled away as fast as he could go. Police arrested him soon afterwards in a local pub after a tip-off from a courting couple. They noticed the fleeing robber because they were so surprised to see a man in a wheelchair travelling so fast.

At Gloucester Crown Court yesterday Judge Hutton told Staddon that an able-bodied robber would normally have been given a six-year sentence. But because of Staddon's disability and the difficulties he would face in prison, the judge said he would be merciful.

Staddon, who admitted robbery and possession of a firearm in the course of a crime, was allowed to go free with a two-year sentence suspended for two years.

The court was told that Staddon, from Gloucester, still had open wounds resulting from the fall that had broken his spine and could walk only a short distance with the aid of a frame. Richard Williams, for his defence, said Staddon had been intending to sell the imitation gun.



Helen Mirren said that she was "dead chuffed — that's very pleased"

Mirren scoops best actress in the Emmys

FROM GILES WHITTILL IN LOS ANGELES

HELEN Mirren crowned a triumphant night for British television at the fiftieth Emmy awards ceremony.

Receiving an award for her part in *Prime Suspect: Secret of Darkness*, she said: "Thank you so much. I'm dead chuffed. That means I'm very, very pleased in American." Minutes later Ms Mirren said her days as the gritty detective in the *Prime Suspect* series were over. "I think you have to quit while you're ahead, and I'm definitely ahead," she said having won the award for best actress in a TV film.

Proving that the Oscars are not the only night when British talent can bask in the Hollywood limelight, Alan Rickman, Greta Scacchi and the producer Duncan Kenworthy also won Emmys. Rickman, named as best actor in a television film for his lead role in *Rasputin*, said he was "dead chuffed, too". Scacchi won best supporting role for *Rasputin*.

No single programme swept the board at the ceremony in Pasadena, but *ER*, the fast-paced medical drama, won the prestigious award for best drama series.

Dennis Franz, the balding detective from *NYPD Blue*, was declared the best actor in a drama series, beating stiff competition from George Clooney, who plays one of *ER*'s doctors.

Frasier, the series about an arrogant psychiatrist, won the best comedy series Emmy, and the actor Rip Torn won a prize for his role

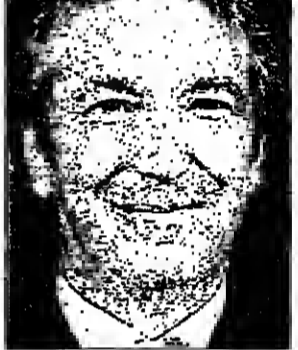
in *The Larry Sanders Show*, a spoof on late-night talk shows.

It was a night of disappointment for Angela Lansbury, the best-known Briton on American television. Nominated for the sixteenth time after her last season as the lead in *Murder, She Wrote*, she missed out yet again on the award.

For producer Duncan Kenworthy it was a triumphant evening. His four-part version of *Gulliver's Travels*, starring Ted Danson, won five awards including the coveted best mini-series. The recognition was "very sweet satisfaction".

Gulliver's Travels was largely financed and produced in Britain.

The show, watched by 600 million in 85 countries, reflected the vast scale of the TV industry in this country.



Rickman: best actor for role in *Rasputin*

Star Wars deal sees the force back in Britain

By DALYA ALBERGE

GEORGE LUCAS, the man behind the *Star Wars* film trilogy, is to shoot his next three science fiction epics in Britain. The £1.3 billion project, the largest in cinematic history, including merchandising, will keep thousands of British actors and technicians in work.

The space-adventure movies will be filmed at the Leavesden Studios, Britain's newest film centre, built on a 300-acre aerodrome near Watford where the James Bond movie *Gold-*

eye was shot. The deal is a coup for Leavesden as the studio has not yet been fully converted, according to the *Hollywood Reporter*.

Mr Lucas, writer and director of box-office classics including *Star Wars* (1977), *The Empire Strikes Back* (1980) and *Return of the Jedi* (1983), signed a financial contract with the makers of Pepsi last year.

Twenty years ago, Twentieth Century Fox gave him an \$11.5 million budget after every other studio had rejected the idea because audiences for

science fiction seemed too limited. The new films will tell the story preceding the original *Star Wars* plot, which inspired such a cult following that the videos were top-ten hits throughout 1994.

The original *Star Wars* films were made at Elstree. When the project was announced last year there had been concern in Britain that the blockbusters would be made in America.

Elstree has only recently become available again as a studio facility

after a protracted legal battle. Leavesden is one of the only facilities in the world that could accommodate such a large-scale project. Up to £200 million is being spent over the next three years on developing it as a sprawling studio and entertainment complex.

The \$3 billion deal with PepsiCo is expected to make George Lucas one of the richest men in Hollywood. The agreement will cover all production costs and should leave Lucas with a substantial profit.

Release of wartime files 'will clear Wodehouse of treachery charge'

By RICHARD FORD

SECRET government files on P.G. Wodehouse, the humorist and novelist whose wartime activities led him to be branded a traitor, are to be released later this month.

The 50-year-old records are expected to clear Wodehouse of the treachery charge that has stained his reputation since the Second World War. The case against him was based on broadcasts he made to America after being interned by the Germans.

The broadcasts provoked outrage in Britain and he never returned after the war. He died in America in 1966, aged 93. In 1971 Edward Heath, then Prime Minister, refused to recommend him for a knighthood and it was only in 1975, on Harold Wilson's recommendation, that he received the honour.

The Wodehouse files, cleared for release by the Home Secretary under the



Wodehouse: made broadcasts for the Germans that cast a lasting shadow over his reputation

open-government initiative, were originally closed for up to 75 years on national security grounds.

Between June and August 1941, Wodehouse made five broadcasts from Germany to the United States, leading Quintin Hogg, now Lord Hailsham, to denounce him in Parliament as a traitor. Wodehouse was living in France when the Germans

hail to try to ban his books. Dulwich College, his old school, removed his name from its roll.

Wodehouse was arrested as a German collaborator after the liberation of Paris in 1944 but was never charged. He was released and moved to Long Island, New York.

The files, being prepared for release at the Public Record Office in Kew, will give the detailed text of all the broadcasts. They also include the report of an 1944 investigation by MI5 into Wodehouse's activities.

The report, which was the basis for a decision not to prosecute, looked at allegations that Wodehouse, while living in France, had not tried to escape from the advancing Nazis; that he had invited German officers into his house; that he won special privileges while interned; that he was a Nazi sympathiser; and that he bought release from internment by agreeing to do the broadcasts.

He was introduced as "the father of the inimitable Jeeves and Wooster", were not strongly pro-German but whimsical descriptions of his internment. They prompted the *Daily Express* to dub him Herr Wodehouse and White-

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Runcie's fear that Charles has 'given up' on the Church reflects a lifetime of doubt and questioning

Prince has searched his soul for the truth of faith

By ALAN HAMILTON

HAD the Prince of Wales been born in an earlier age, he might well have been burnt at the stake as a heretic. The probable next Supreme Governor of the Church of England has upset traditionalists by indulging in adultery and divorce. But he upsets them at a deeper level, too: he refuses to accept that religion is necessarily the same thing as faith. He was christened in the music room of Buckingham Palace in 1948 by the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Geoffrey Fisher, who doubtless thought that the child would grow up to be as unquestioning of the Anglican faith as his mother. However, the child's natural intelligence and capacity for introspection ensured that he was destined to take nothing for granted. Unhappy in the breezy outdoor pursuits ethos of Gordonstoun, an institution he regarded as bordering on the pagan, he sought and found solace in the school

chapel. But in letters home he complained that the building, used also for film shows or games in wet weather, "has no atmosphere of the mysterious a church gives one". Teachers at the Scottish boarding school, founded by a refugee from Nazi Germany who did not list introspection among the core subjects to be taught to the young elite, noticed that Charles was much more curious than his contemporaries to learn about the authority of the Bible and the origin of the Gospels. His schooling coincided not only with the freewheeling Sixties but with a period of intense self-doubt within the Anglican Church. Dr John Robinson had just published *Honest To God*, challenging many accepted Anglican precepts; and Mervyn Stockwood, Bishop of Southwark, dressed in purple tie rather than dog collar, arrived at Gordonstoun to challenge the pupils' views of the English



Van der Post urged Prince to retire

national religion. The Prince took his confirmation seriously at the age of 16, having been schooled in the faith by Robin Woods, Dean of Windsor, who found him unusually interested in the matter. During his two-term overseas schooling at Geelong Grammar School in Melbourne, the Prince had

another formative experience when he joined a school trip to Papua New Guinea. The party visited an Anglican mission where native Papuans had built a crude cathedral and thrown themselves enthusiastically into worship of the white man's religion. Charles noted in his diary: "Everyone was so eager to take part in the services and the singing was almost deafening. One felt it might almost be the original Church." During his three years at Cambridge, the Prince had much ecclesiastical dissent poured into his receptive ear, not least from a series of lectures he attended at nearby Great St Mary's church, organised by its then vicar, Hugh Montefiore. But his biggest influence was the Rev Harry Williams, Dean of Chapel at Trinity College, who led him through an examination of religious faith as seen through the eyes of Freud and Jung. "I always thought he was a deep person, that he wasn't taken in by the surfaces



The young Prince arriving at Gordonstoun, an institution he regarded as bordering on the pagan

of life," Williams later wrote. Whilst at Cambridge, the Prince's search for the inner truth led him to correspond at length with Dr Stockwood again. They explored religion and parapsychology which, in an earlier time, would have been regarded as consorting

with the Devil. Charles urged the University of Wales, of which he is Chancellor, to establish the Arthur Koestler chair of parapsychology; they refused and it went to Edinburgh. After Cambridge, the Prince fell under the spell of Laurens

van der Post, who persuaded Charles that there was a whole dimension missing from his life. Van der Post's detractors regarded him at best as a plausible self-publicist and at worst a charlatan, but the Prince was completely won over by the old man's theories of the world of the spirit and man's place in the nature, as practised by the bushmen of the Kalahari.

communicant of the Church of England who prays on his knees nightly, has called for a greater understanding of Islam. Van der Post's detractors regarded him at best as a plausible self-publicist and at worst a charlatan, but the Prince was completely won over by the old man's theories of the world of the spirit and man's place in the nature, as practised by the bushmen of the Kalahari.

Van der Post urged Charles to give up all his official duties for a spell and retire into contemplation, but the dutiful Prince refused. By this time, however, he was strongly at odds with conventional churchmen, anxious to know more of Buddhism and Hinduism, and shaping in his mind a concept of the soul. He began to make philosophical speeches, some of which were lost on his audience: "I feel that deep in the soul of mankind there is a reflection as on the surface of a mirror", left his listeners in a mite bemused. His ideas became more refined. When setting up his Institute of Architecture in 1992, he told its director that he wanted its students taught reverence — "reverence for the landscape and the soil, for the human spirit".

In his 1994 television interview with Jonathan Dimbleby, the Prince said: "I personally would rather see [the title] as Defender of Faith, not the Faith... I would much rather it was seen as defending faith itself, which is so often under threat in our day, where the whole concept of faith itself or anything beyond this existence, beyond life itself, is considered almost old-fashioned and irrelevant." His staff hastened to point out that the Prince was making a personal statement of faith and was not suggesting the disestablishment of the Church of England. The Prince's own view is that disestablishment is a matter for the Church, not the Crown. He also believes that faith is a far more important matter than the politics of religion.

The Prince, still a regular

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How Mitre and Crown often bump heads

The relationship between monarch and Archbishop of Canterbury has not always been what it should be. Ruth Gledhill writes



ARCHBISHOPS are chosen with their future relationship with the monarch in mind, but things have not always gone as smoothly as was hoped, with antipathy on occasions being mutual. Archbishops of Canterbury have had complex relationships with the monarchy, encompassing public and private roles. In 1936, Archbishop Cosmo Lang, a Presbyterian by birth and a close friend of Queen Mary, played a central role in the abdication of Edward VIII. Lang was suspected of having conspired to bring about the abdication, and publicly criticised the King for putting his love for Wallis Simpson before his country. He was felt to be kicking a man when he was down and made himself even more unpopular with the Royal Family and the country by remarks during the Second World War that were thought to be pro-German. Geoffrey Fisher, Archbishop from 1945 to 1961, was accused of putting pressure on Princess Margaret to refuse to marry the man she loved, Group Captain Peter Townsend, although this was later denied. According to Professor Owen Chadwick, the leading church historian, there have been since Queen Victoria's time three elements to the Archbishop of Canterbury's relationship with the monarch. "One thing is the formal relationship between the monarch as Supreme Governor of the Church and the Archbishop — huge bushy eyebrows and his equally large personality, although their friendship was slightly limited by the difficulty he experienced in talking about anything other than theology. Secondly, since the time of Queen Victoria, the Crown has generally been helped by the Archbishop's advice when the Prime Minister recommends people for high office in the Church. Thirdly, there is a personal

and private relationship. The Dean of Windsor and the Archbishop of Canterbury have been since the time of Victoria personal chaplains to the monarch. The Archbishop does things like preparing the children for confirmation and baptising them." He said this relationship had developed because of Queen Victoria's close friendship with Archbishop Archibald Tait, who served at Canterbury from 1848 to 1883. Victoria was moved that within a month, all but two of his seven children died of scarlet fever. Tait became the first Archbishop of modern times to be personally close to the Sovereign. Randall Davidson, who became Archbishop in 1903, after Queen Victoria's death, married Tait's daughter and was enormously helpful to Victoria when he was Dean of Windsor. He went on to develop an equally close relationship with Edward VII. Archbishop William Temple, who served during the Second World War, was well-liked by the monarchy but his influence was limited because of the brevity of his time at Lambeth, where he was for three years. Archbishop Michael Ramsey, at Lambeth from 1961 to 1974, had a special relationship with the present monarch that developed from when he was Bishop of Durham and therefore had the right to stand at her side during the Coronation. The Queen was reportedly enchanted by his huge bushy eyebrows and his equally large personality, although their friendship was slightly limited by the difficulty he experienced in talking about anything other than theology. Archbishop Donald Coggan, who succeeded him, was the kind of chaplain the Royal Family loves, because of his direct, straightforward faith and his ability to explain himself well.

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Parents withdraw pupils over cost of disruptive boy

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

PARENTS removed more than half the pupils from a school yesterday in protest at the return of a disruptive ten-year-old over whom teachers came close to striking last week.

Thirty families began the boycott at Manton Junior School in Worksop, Nottinghamshire, soon after the escorted arrival of Matthew Wilson. More than 50 other parents withdrew their children at lunchtime. Governors have twice refused to back the head teacher and expel Matthew for unruly behaviour.

The parents fear that the cost of an extra teacher, £14,000, to educate Matthew in isolation — in a deal to prevent teachers walking out — will damage their children's education. About 150 parents have signed a petition for his permanent removal. Many are threatening not to return their children tomorrow.

One mother said: "That



Matthew Wilson arriving at school yesterday

money is coming out of the budget for all the other children and it is our children that are losing out again because he cannot behave himself. We lost a teacher last year through redundancy but they have found £14,000 to get Matthew his

own teacher, which is a bit much."

Governors said they had no choice but to spend the money because the school would have to close if the seven teachers in the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers went on strike. Nottinghamshire County Council has allowed the school to go into the red to fund an extra teacher but will not give it any extra cash.

Caroline Morrison, a parent-governor, said: "The parents are saying they will keep their children away from school while Matthew is having one-to-one teaching. But we do not want one-to-one teaching for Matthew; the NASUWT has pushed us into this because they would not accept him back into the school otherwise."

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the NASUWT, said he understood the concerns of parents who had



Class action: parents removing their children from Manton Junior School yesterday in protest at the £14,000 being spent on a pupil in isolation

withheld their children. "The solution to the problem posed by the continued presence of the pupil in question at the school is very far from ideal. This was the only way of keeping the school open. I think the parents are right to ask the questions they have."

A county spokesman said that the head teacher was considering holding a meeting of parents if the boycott contin-

ued. Matthew, accused by teachers of bullying other children and threatening them, once with a baseball bat, was allowed back provided he agreed to a contract of good behaviour.

He arrived with his teacher after lessons had started yesterday and left just before lunchtime to avoid other pupils and was said to have had a quiet and productive day.

Pamela Cliffe, his mother, said she had agreed to the special arrangements only to prevent a strike closing the 190-pupil school. She denied that Matthew was uncontrollable.

Steven Williams, her solicitor, said she remained unhappy about his segregation. "If she had refused the isolation package there would have been a strike and everyone

would have blamed it on her. She is now upset that he is being given no incentive to improve his behaviour."

He added: "Not being allowed to play with other kids is a hell of a punishment for a ten-year-old. It's not going to develop his social skills."

□ A five-year-old boy returned to school yesterday after being tested for the Aids virus and hepatitis B. He had

stabbed himself four times in the hands with needles discarded by drug addicts near his home in Grantham, Lincolnshire.

The results of the tests will be known in three months. His school's headmaster said other parents had been supportive of the boys' family and denied reports that some feared he could infect their children if allowed back.

Credit trail led Alaska rangers to dead hiker

By STEPHEN FARRELL

ALASKAN park rangers used a dead British hiker's credit cards to track him to the remote ravine where his body lay.

David Harrison, 31, head of mathematics at Shrewsbury School in Shropshire, was reported missing when he failed to return home after a trip to the Wrangell-St Elias National Park and Preserve.

His worried father Peter contacted park rangers on September 2 but did not know where his son, a qualified and experienced climber, had gone in the vast state.

However, the search area was narrowed when Mark Twells, a fellow teacher and head of information technology at the school, searched Mr Harrison's room, found which maps he had bought and e-mailed Alaska police with the details. Tim Saskowsky, the investigating ranger, compared the list with maps Mr Harrison left at a friend's home in Anchorage, and eliminated all but two areas in the 5.2 million hectare park.

A credit card check showed that Mr Harrison had also bought a guide book and used a bus from a company based

in Glenallen which ferries hikers to several trailheads.

"After several days of intensive investigative work, the search area for this case was limited from a state-wide search, to a park-wide search and, finally, to a particular drainage," a Wrangell-St Elias spokesman said. "Through a series of interviews and phone calls, Tim was able to narrow the search before we brought in any ground crews."

Two rangers finally began the search over difficult terrain on a 45-mile trek in Rock Creek last Friday. They found Mr Harrison's tent within three hours but could not get into an inaccessible gorge and called in a helicopter.

His body was seen the next day at the bottom of a 300ft ravine and was recovered on Sunday. He is thought to have fallen while hiking alone.

Ted Maidment, Headmaster of Shrewsbury School, paid tribute to his colleague, a bachelor and Cambridge first class mathematics graduate who took up his position at the school after teaching at Tonbridge School in Kent and Clifton College, Bristol.

"He was an excellent teacher and a very highly qualified climber," Mr Maidment said. "There is a tremendous sense of sadness at his loss. He was very popular with the boys and we only realised something was wrong when he did not come back on August 29 to run a Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award trip to the Lake District. I have been in close contact with his father and had to tell the boys that he was missing at chapel on Sunday."



Jail inquiry into prisoner's poems

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

A PRISON service inquiry began last night into how disturbing verses by Charles Bronson, one of Britain's most violent prisoners, were published in a men's magazine.

Five pages of the work of Bronson, who held three Iraqis hostage at knife-point in Belmarsh jail at the weekend, are printed in the magazine. Under the headline "King of the Road: extracts from the diary of a psychopath", Bronson pours out his feelings, including a fantasy about trying to kill a man.

One poem, entitled *The Night I Tried to Kill*

Gordon Robinson describes the attempted murder of a patient in Broadmoor special hospital. It is understood the poem is a fantasy by Bronson, who changed his name from Michael Peterson to that of the American star of the film *Death Wish*. Bronson was detained in the hospital before being transferred to prison. Broadmoor has no record of a patient called Gordon Robinson. It also has no knowledge of Bronson, 45, from Luton in Bedfordshire, ever attempting to kill a fellow patient.

Last night, as the Prison Service inquiry began, Lalsaid it would report *Esquire* magazine to the Press Complaints Commission. Alon Michael, home affairs spokesman, said: "This is in profoundly bad taste and glorifies violence."

Bill Doff, governor at the top-security jail at Woolwich in southeast London, began an investigation into the publication of Bronson's work, which the magazine describes as a "cri de coeur from a soul fighting the evil in itself — and losing".

While in jail Bronson has been sentenced for a series of hostage-taking attempts on governors.

CORRECTIONS

□ Dr David Wheelwright, soo of the distinguished fabric designer John Sylvester Wheelwright, did not, contrary to a report (August 29), die during service with the RAF. He is alive and well and swimming 25 lengths every morning. We apologise for the error.

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Man who had been physically abused wanted to punish Christians 'for their ability to forgive'

Satanist who tried to kill vicar gets life



Geoffrey Adams, who wanted police to shoot him

A SATANIST who set out to kill a vicar with a hunting knife was jailed for life yesterday for a frenzied attack on an 80-year-old woman he left for dead.

Geoffrey Adams, 27, set out to murder the vicar of Risca in Newport because he wanted to punish Christians for their ability to forgive. Adams had been physically abused as a child and thought it was wrong that the man who abused him should be forgiven.

Dressed in black and wearing surgical gloves, Adams set out at about midnight for the vicarage. On the way he stumbled into Maisie Downs, 80, who was walking her neighbour's dogs. She lost the sight in one eye after he repeatedly slashed her face.

He then went on to the vicarage, but the Rev Richard Pain, vicar of Risca, and his wife refused to let Adams in and called the police who disarmed him, thwarting his intention of taking a hostage and forcing police marksmen to shoot him.

Adams, of Risca, told police that he wanted to "take some

one out and make my mark on the community". He wanted to be killed by police as he believed he could not commit suicide because his soul was damned.

Mr Pain said last night that the case highlighted the vulnerability of vicars who live "over the shop" with their families. However, he described the problem as inevitable and pledged to remain accessible to his parishioners.

Earlier Cardiff Crown Court was told that Adams became a devil worshipper when he shared a prison cell with a man described as a high priest of Satanism. He developed a deep-seated hatred of Christians. Mark Lewis, for the prosecution, said: "He told a psychiatrist that he was sick of the way Christians forgave others. Satanism, he said, never forgave. He became hell-bent on taking the vicar's life."

On the night of the attack Adams was spotted climbing out of his bedroom window so as not to wake his mother. He confronted Mrs Downs in the street. Mr Lewis said: "He struck out with the knife in a



The Rev Richard Pain and his wife, Julie, at their vicarage yesterday. Mr Pain pledged to remain accessible

frenzy. He was slashing her face and head and she raised her arms in a vain attempt to protect herself. She lost count of the number of blows he rained down upon her."

Adams ran off leaving Mrs Downs in a pool of blood. He headed for the vicarage where Mr Pain lived with his wife,

Juliet, and three children. The vicar had gone to bed and his wife refused to open the door despite Adams's pleas that he was depressed and in desperate need of spiritual help. He began to kick the door and Mrs Pain called the police.

When two officers arrived minutes later, they saw Ad-

ams holding a knife behind his back. Adams shouted: "I've got a knife. I've already murdered someone and I'll have you too."

Mr Lewis said: "Adams immediately lunged at the officers, stabbing them before being disarmed. As soon as he dropped the knife he fell to the

ground whimpering and begging for mercy. He was saying: 'I'm sorry, I'm sorry.'"

Adams pleaded guilty at 10 causing grievous bodily harm to Mrs Downs and attempting to harm Mr Pain. He also admitted wounding a police constable and possessing an offensive weapon.

Taxi drives to Germany for fare day's work

By PAUL WILKINSON

A GANG of builders from the North East who missed their plane to work in Germany stumped up £600 for a taxi to take them the 750 miles.

In the spirit of the TV series *Auf Wiedersehen Pet*, the six workers from Hartlepool and Jarrow were to be employed stripping asbestos from an old factory in Dusseldorf and had met up at Peterlee for the journey. When they realised they had missed their plane they turned to the office of Phillips Taxis in a back street.

Mick Lister, the proprietor, said: "When these lads came in and asked for a car to Dusseldorf, I told them, 'Pull the other one'. But when they produced a great big bundle of cash I knew they must be serious."

Mark Chisholm, one of the Phillips drivers, volunteered for the trip. Mr Lister said: "They took a Nissan Serena with all their luggage piled up in a trailer. They went down to Dover and took the ferry over to Calais. They went through France, Belgium and finally stopped in Germany."

Mark had an overnight stay in bed and breakfast and then made his way back. He completed the job in 48 hours because that way we got the ferry crossing for £44 in a cut-price deal."

Mr Chisholm added: "The North East isn't the best place to find work and when these lads got the chance they weren't going to be stopped."

US parcel may be clue to Kent murders

DETECTIVES hunting the killer of a mother and daughter in a Kenish cornfield are examining a mysterious parcel sent to them by police in the United States.

The anonymous package, containing press cuttings on the case and shopping receipts, was sent to New York state police on July 15, six days after the murders of Lin Russell, 45, and her daughter Megan, 6. It had a Sussex coast postmark.

Detectives are baffled by the parcel and its contents and by whom it was sent but say they are keeping an open mind about it. Police said yesterday: "We do not know at this stage how significant the parcel is. We were informed by colleagues in America about the parcel who told us what it contained. But it is too early to say whether it was sent by the killer or someone else."

Mrs Russell, Megan and one of their dogs, Lucy, were killed with a hammer-like weapon. Mrs Russell's nine-year-old daughter Josie, who was also attacked, is making a good recovery.

Yesterday *The Sun* offered a £20,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer who attacked the family near their home village of Chilenden, near Canterbury, while they walked home from school across the fields.

In an appeal for help in solving the murders, the dead woman's husband, Dr Shaun Russell, 45, who is a lecturer at Kent University, said: "It's vital we catch whoever did this."

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Massage 'is best cure for migraine'

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

MOST migraine headaches are caused by damaged neck muscles, not stress, diet or hormonal changes, an expert said yesterday.

Many of the six million sufferers in Britain would find immediate relief from a migraine attack, which can last from four to 72 hours, with a neck massage. In the long-term, they should improve their posture and do exercises to relieve pressure on the nerves supplying the head.

Dr Alex Valori, who runs the migraine clinic at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital in Norwich, said that pain caused by migraine was no different from pain in other parts of the body. "It is an irritation of the upper neck nerve roots," he said.

Dr Valori, who based his findings on three years of clinical experience treating 200 patients, told the Migraine Trust International Symposium in London yesterday that he looked for areas of tenderness in the neck that could be eased by manipulation or injection of an anti-inflammatory drug into the upper vertebrae.

"If a patient has a pain in the hand which is not arthritis the nerves are investigated in the arm and shoulder. We chase it like an electrical circuit. It is possible to look at

territories of pain on an anatomical basis, like a jigsaw."

Although migraine has been recognised for 3,500 years, its cause remains a mystery. Many factors are believed to trigger the attacks, including foods such as chocolate and red wine, menstruation-related hormonal changes in women and stress.

Dr Valori, who admitted that his theory was controversial, said the key to many cases of migraine appeared to be the trigeminal nerves that supplied the face and the cerebral lining of the brain. "This is not quackery, it is an extension of a conventional view about the management of pain. I am not saying it works for everybody but there is a huge group it can help."

Stress, diet and hormonal changes could all contribute to the development of a migraine by increasing tension in the neck muscles, but these were secondary causes, he said.

"People have shown the blood vessels in the head expanding and contracting during a migraine but these are under the influence of the trigeminal nerve."

Dr Valori, who also practices as a GP in Norfolk, said he hoped to publish the results of his work for carrying out controlled trials in pain was difficult.

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British Association: President says drive for financial efficiency will kill golden goose of creativity

Inventive research 'is being stifled by ignorant managers'

REPORTS BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR, AND NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

UNIVERSITY research is in danger of being stripped of its originality and spontaneity by ignorant and insensitive attempts to manage it, the President of the British Association for the Advancement of Science warned in its annual meeting in Birmingham yesterday.



Sir Ronald said culture of research was delicate

Sir Ronald Oxburgh, rector of the Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, said that the pressure on academic staff to do research — whether or not they were any good at it — and the drive to make research accountable were threatening creativity. "Second-rate university research done to order, by people who have no real aptitude or enthusiasm for it, is a waste of time, money and paper," he said. But the methods used by the funding councils to assess universities was driving them towards a system in which there was

"undesirable and unacceptable" pressure on every academic to do research. Those who do not want to do research, or are not very good at it, were in danger of being regarded as failures, he said. He said the over-management of research by a Government intent on efficiency ran

the risk of changing the character of the work and losing its greatest strength — its spontaneity. "Ultimately the best university research can bring insights and discoveries in areas that were previously unsuspected and which would not have been the choice of panels of experts, however carefully selected," Sir Ronald said. "The researchers will follow the money and if it is clear that money is available only for those who complete well-defined projects to time, that is exactly what will happen: the work will become thoroughly competent, and thoroughly predictable. That would be a major loss."

"We must trust some of our most gifted research workers to work on what they see as most promising and to justify their decisions retrospectively when the work is done. Even the best foresight panel in the world is going to be unlikely to identify the one coming in from left field, the unexpected: penicillin or BSE," he said.

"Look at the laser, for example. When it was invented people sat around and said, 'is there ever going to be a conceivable application of this curious phenomenon? Who cares about coherent beams of light?'"

Sir Ronald said the university system was efficient in producing trained people and in carrying out research. A recent study by the President of the Japanese Institute for Physical and Chemical Research had concluded that, in certain fields, including physics, Britain was twice as cost-effective as other major countries. In addition, he said, Britain produced as many trained research workers with PhDs as the US, with a population one fifth as large and only one tenth as much spent on research.

"Our university research culture is delicate," he concluded. "Ignorant and insensitive attempts to manage it as if it were part of industry would probably kill the goose that is still laying golden eggs."

Short-term stress can be good for you

SHORT periods of stress can tone up the immune system, the science festival was told yesterday. A challenging task at work or just playing a computer game can cause the effect, according to Professor Phil Evans of the University of Westminster.

With colleagues at Birmingham University, he has shown that secretion of immunoglobulin A, a measure of the state of the immune system, increases after challenging sessions of the computer game Doom.

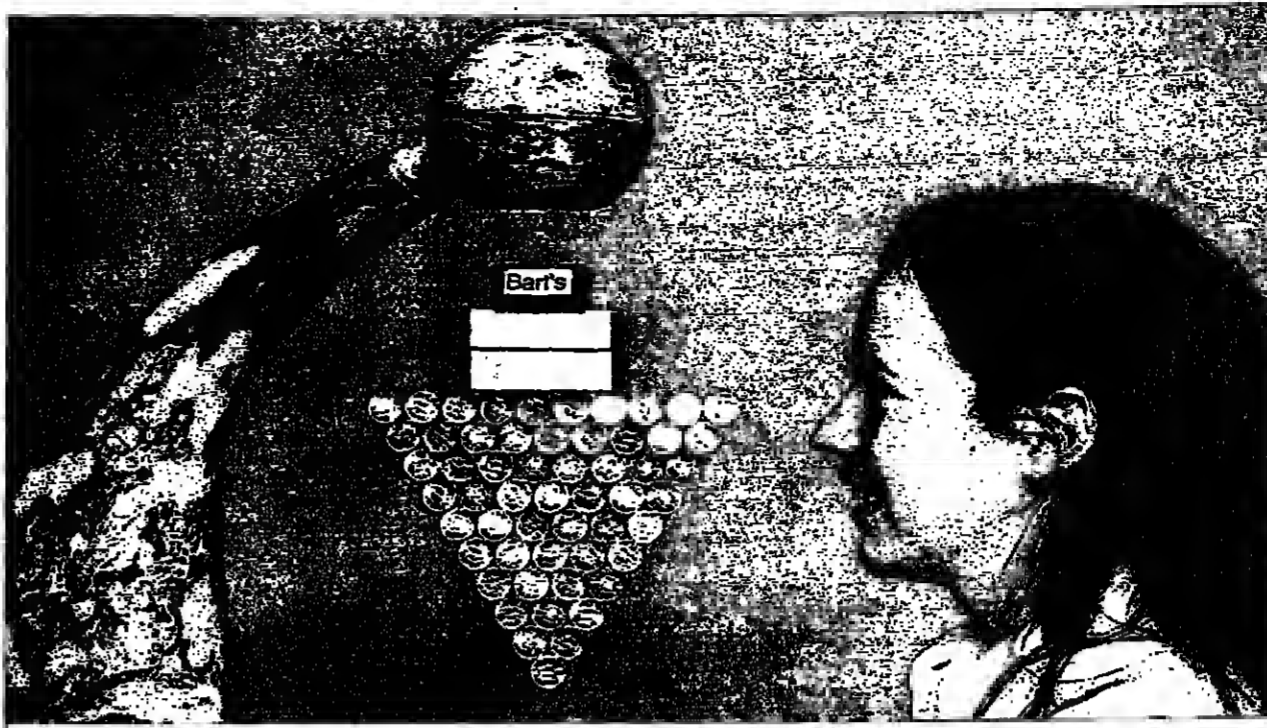
The traditional view has been that stress depresses the immune system, but for short periods this is not true, Professor Evans says. Studies by other researchers have confirmed the effect, showing, for example, that the immune system of air-traffic controllers was stimulated at work. The effect, he believes, is

caused by the "fight or flight" response of the hormone system to stress.

"Most of us nowadays seldom encounter wild animals on the savannah, but the same physiological systems are in a degree triggered by simple laboratory stressors such as being asked to do mental arithmetic, make a speech, or play a computer game," he said.

Chronic long-term stress may have different effects, however. Students facing exams have been shown to suffer more colds and have lowered immune function.

He added: "We must avoid exaggerating or even inventing harmful consequences of everyday stressors, but remain alive to the possibility that severe and chronic stress may well have more serious effects on both the immune system and physical health."



Raising money: Katharine Willson, of the Magnetic Penny Society, with a pyramid of magnetically levitated pennies at the science festival yesterday. The system, developed by Nabeel Shirazee for Magnetic Suspensions Ltd, uses powerful permanent magnets supplemented by electromagnets controlled by electronic circuits. The movement of the levitated mass is

tracked and the current constantly adjusted to correct any movement, a system that means large masses can be levitated with very modest currents. Barry Jones, managing director of the company, which is based in the Isle of Man, says that among the first products will be a geographical globe for an American company. In industry the system could be used for

painting objects automatically and all over in one pass. Plane-makers could use it to support model aircraft in wind tunnels. The display at Birmingham was put on with the Magic Penny Society, which raises money for cancer care. Professor Robin Willson, the society's organiser, said the applications of the principle were limited only by the imagination.



Dr Cantrill with 100 million-year-old fern fossils

When Antarctica was a verdant garden

VAST forests and rivers covered Antarctica 100 million years ago, scientists have discovered.

Researchers with the British Antarctic Survey in Cambridge believe the climate was similar to modern Britain's. The findings, from leaf and wood fossils unearthed over hundreds of square miles on the peninsula, give clues as to how Antarctica might look in a few hundred years, should pollution accelerate the greenhouse effect. The findings were presented at the British Association's annual meeting.

Dr David Cantrill, of the

survey, said yesterday that Antarctica had been a verdant place of forests and ferns in which vegetarian dinosaurs lived, and probably small mammals. "It was quite a nice Garden of Eden. The conditions are not ideal for preserving dinosaur remains but one has been found."

Antarctica had been part of a super-continent called Gondwana, which had begun breaking up, producing today's continents. Its weather system had not yet been cut off from warm water from the Equator, Dr Cantrill said.

Roads claim up to 60m birds a year

AS MANY as a fifth of some bird species are killed on the roads each year, the association was told.

Chris Mead, of the British Ecological Society, said that studies in Britain and abroad indicated that up to 60 million birds, including chaffinches, whitethroats, blackbirds, linnets and barn owls, have become road death statistics.

He said that 100 British species dominated the list, many of which fed or nested in hedges near roads. Birds were most at risk on suburban roads and A roads rather than dual carriageways or motorways because these were too wide or too noisy to cross.

Mr Mead said that speed was as much to blame as the volume of traffic. "We are cruising over the crucial level of 45 to 50mph, the speeds at which you rarely kill a bird."

A study in Norfolk found that of 48 barn owls, nine were killed on the roads after six

months. Forty per cent of young swallows and 5 per cent of adults die on the roads. Mr Mead said that surveys of other species, including house sparrows, whose numbers have fallen by a third in the past 30 years, showed a similar death rate on the roads.

"It's inevitable that populations will go down," he said. "Whitethroats go from one hedge to another across a road as do chaffinches. Blackbirds are appalling. One male blackbird sees another, they fly low and are both wiped out." Mr Mead called for stricter speed limits and traffic calming on country A roads in vulnerable areas.

Studies from the Netherlands also showed that too many roads in an area caused animals to in-breed. Populations of frogs, separated by roads and unable to cross them to breed, became more vulnerable to disease after several generations.

Asians give up corner shops

The Asian corner shop, robust repository of Thatcherite values, could soon close due to a lack of interest from the next generation.

Few Asian shopkeepers want their children to carry on the business, aiming them instead at professions such as law, medicine and accountancy. It seems that in a single generation the British disdain for trade has infected these entrepreneurs, according to a survey by the Policy Studies Institute.

Dr Tariq Modood of the PSI suggested the Asians had used small businesses as a way of ensuring their children got a good education.

Success with Aids vaccine

A new vaccine against Aids has shown promising results in animal trials. Seven macaque monkeys treated with the vaccine showed evidence that they had been protected against infection with HIV, the monkey equivalent of HIV, the Aids virus.

In four of the animals the protection was total, in the others it was 90 per cent, Professor Thomas Lehner of Guy's and St Thomas's hospitals told the meeting. The indications were that protection would last for six months or so, he said. It could be tried in human volunteers: "All parts of the vaccine have been tested and lack toxicity."

Drug to fight septic shock

A drug that inhibits the production of nitric oxide in the body could save thousands of lives every year, Professor Salvador Moncada of University College London told the meeting.

The drug, being developed by Glaxo Wellcome, would treat septic shock, which often follows hospital treatment. About 200,000 cases a year are recorded, of which half prove fatal. During septic shock the body mobilises nitric oxide, a gas found in car exhausts, to fight infection, but in so doing raises the blood pressure, complicating treatment. The drug lowers the pressure.

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Physically chastising a child may cause harm far worse than bruises

THE 12-year-old boy who was yesterday given approval to go to the European Commission of Human Rights because, he claims, the Government failed to protect him from his stick-waving stepfather is likely to receive mixed support from those who were educated in the prewar private system.

In 1994 a court was told that the boy's buttocks, thighs and calves were black and blue after he was beaten: par for the course so far as all those who were educated at expensive schools before the educational revolution started about 30 years ago. The fact that bruising was so commonly inflicted does not mean that it was either character building or physically harmless. The slap or even spontaneous spank of a parent should never be confused with a ritualistic beating with a stick.

I have met many patients whose psyche seems to have been harmed by the punishment inflicted at school but the most tragic case I have come across was one where the damage was physical.

Seldom, as Henry Hamilton Bailey, author of *Physical Signs in Clinical Surgery*, said, does nature call attention to a deep-seated abnormality by changes in the skin, but in the lower back it sometimes does. In some cases of spina bifida occulta the evidence that there is an abnormality of the spine can be spotted by a quick look at the back, because the deformity is betrayed by a patch of hair over the lower back, or a dimple in the skin. In spina bifida occulta the bony covering of the spinal cord is incomplete as the vertebral arteries have failed to unite.

Mr Hamilton Bailey's teaching was brought home to me a year or two ago when I was asked to see a middle-aged man whose life had been ravaged by various psychological disasters. The patient told me that he had been a normal cheerful prep-school boy until his headmaster, whose aim was unsure, beat him. One savage stroke of the cane fell across the small of his back rather than on his bottom and thereafter my patient was incontinent.

All my patient's personality problems started from this time as his contemporaries were shocked that he was such a wimp that he started bedwetting after being beaten. He was rejected by the pack at his public school and left early. Thereafter his life followed a downhill path.

The man was a perfect example of what Mr Hamilton Bailey had described: nature had signalled that he had a disability of his spinal column. My patient had a patch of thick hair, as thick as that on a child's scalp, easily visible over his lower back, a sure sign of a spina bifida occulta and therefore of an only partially protected spinal cord.

The savage, casual, ill-directed swipe with the headmaster's cane had damaged the cord and given the boy a weak urinary and anal sphincter. His subsequent incontinence had rendered him the butt of every bully for the rest of his life.

Dr Thomas Stuttford

Soldiers return in peace to Zulu site

THE British Army has been welcomed back to Rorke's Drift, where 153 Britons fought hand to hand with 4,500 Zulus in 1879. British soldiers have helped to construct a community hall near the site of the battle in KwaZulu/Natal.

Moses Zulu, principal of the Shiyane Secondary School where the hall was built, said: "Ever since the battles of Rorke's Drift and Isandhlwana, we have had enormous respect for the brave soldiers of the British Army. Now we have worked closely together to build a wonderful facility for all of our Zulu people. We owe these young men and women a great deal."

Army cadets from Southampton University, who raised more than £50,000 towards the cost of building the community hall, were supported by men from the Royal Engineers and The Royal Regiment of Wales.

One of the patrons of Project Scholastic Acorn was Brigadier David Bromhead, Colonel of the Welsh regiment, whose grandfather, Lieutenant Goaville Bromhead — portrayed by Michael Caine in the 1964 film *Zulu* — played a key role building a defensive perimeter around the African missionary station before the attack by thousands of Zulus. He was one of 11 men to receive the VC out of the 153 British troops that withstood the ferocious Zulu attacks.

Captain Rob Dickinson, of the regiment, said: "These men were plain soldiers, facing almost certain death but by their actions they have come to represent everything that is good about being a British soldier."

Captain Rob Dickinson points to the community hall at the Rorke's Drift site

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Proposed Millennium Tower could become tallest building in Europe

Foster unveils crowning glory for London skyline

By Marcus Binney

Sir Norman Foster unveiled plans yesterday for a 1,265 ft snow-white, transparent London skyscraper. The £400 million, 92-storey London Millennium Tower would be the tallest building in Europe and top the Empire State Building.

The curving, highly sculptural form ushers in a new era in skyscraper design and makes towers under construction in South-East Asia appear old-fashioned. The most remarkable feature of the Foster design is its sheer transparency, with views in and out of the tower through floor-to-ceiling glass uninterrupted by columns of lift cores or heavy steel frame.

No less revolutionary is the range of mixed uses proposed for the tower, with shops, restaurants, offices, trading floors, gardens in the sky and a public viewing platform at 1,000 ft. Above that will be 12 storeys of penthouses enclosed in two glass husks.

Sir Norman said: "The city of the future will be a much richer mix of uses. Not ghettos of offices or housing. Working and living in the sky will be great attractions."

The building takes the form of a gently rounded letter V, with walls continuously on the curve, a giant version of Sir Norman's Willis Faber building in Ipswich. "I did not want

to make yet another four-square imposition on the skyline but wanted to create a much more free-flowing design," he said.

The plans have been commissioned by Trafalgar House, whose chairman, Alan Winter, said: "We hope to get planning permission in the spring and to complete construction in four years, topping out in 2000. We are in discussions with potential anchor tenants who must be on board if we are to proceed."

Peter Rees, the City's planning officer, said: "We will judge the building on its merits. We have asked for photomontages showing the tower from numerous viewpoints all over London."

The Government is expected soon to issue new guidelines for high buildings in London, but the proposed tower, on the site of the bomb-damaged Baltic Exchange, is outside the main protected views - St Paul's Cathedral from the river, Greenwich, Hampstead and Richmond, English Heritage gave permission for an earlier scheme that would have reconstructed the marble-lined hall of the old exchange but was unhappy with the building above.

Sir Norman said he respected the much lower building heights that prevailed to the



Foster: wanted to create a free-flowing design

would advise against it".

Clean, the City of London environment group, expressed concern about security and environmental considerations. "The new tower will inevitably be a target for bombers, potentially showering glass over a wide area," it said.

The engineer who worked on the design, Tony Fitzpatrick of Ove Arup, said: "Our principal problem is sway in high winds. This is particularly sensitive with residents at the top of the building. We will limit this by inserting a 600-ton pendulum near the top."

"This is a steel-frame structure but you won't be able to see what holds it up. The columns around the perimeter are very slender and 15 ft apart. We have avoided the usual massive concrete lift cores. Lift shafts are no more than holes in the floor."

To combat overheating, the architects have designed two skins of glass, well separated so that cooling air will constantly be drawn upwards.

Like Sir Norman's Hong-kong and Shanghai Tower in Hong Kong, his London tower could usher in a new era. The question is whether costs will rise to an equally record height. Sir Norman insists: "It can be built on time and on budget."

Anatole Kaletsky, page 18

west of the City but believed it was acceptable to add to the cluster of high buildings around the NatWest Tower.

The City Corporation is likely to welcome becoming home to Europe's most prominent building and Sir Norman's design may even, like the Lloyd's building by Sir Richard Rogers, escape a public inquiry. However, the Civil Aviation Authority says the building would have "operational implications for London City Airport and London Heathrow and as such we



A computer-generated image of Sir Norman Foster's proposed London Millennium Tower dwarfs the existing NatWest Tower

NEWS IN BRIEF

Tom and Jodi almost certainly drowned

Tom and Jodi Loughlin, the brother and sister whose bodies were found two weeks after they went missing from a Norfolk beach during a family holiday, almost certainly drowned, a coroner said yesterday.

Tom, 4, and Jodi, 6, were at the start of their holiday at Holme next the Sea with their parents, Kevin Loughlin and Lynette Thornton, when they disappeared on August 18. Norwich district coroner, William Armstrong, opening the inquest, said a post-mortem examination showed that the probable cause of both deaths had been submersion in water.

Activists jailed

Two animal rights activists were jailed after admitting conspiring to set fire to an abattoir in Cinderford, Gloucestershire, in June. Michael Green and Melanie Arnold, both 27, left devices in lorries and buildings. Green was jailed for five years, Arnold for 3½.

Murder charge

A man has been charged with the murder of Gertrude Gray, 71, 16 years after she was stabbed to death with a knife at her home in Bradford. Robert Barracough, 31, who was 15 at the time of the incident in February, 1980, was remanded in custody for four weeks.

Asbestos fine

A cloud of asbestos dust was created when workmen drilled through a ceiling at a school in Sheffield, near Bedford, magistrates at Biggleswade heard yesterday. Bedford County Council was fined £1,500 for causing a health hazard. No children were put at risk.

Contract lined up

The bus company Stagecoach has been named as the front-runner to take over the eight-mile Isle of Wight railway line. The service, which runs from Ryde Pier to Shanklin, using old London Underground trains, is the smallest line to be sold off under rail privatisation.

'Doone' inn sale

The inn on Exmoor where R.D. Blackmore wrote *Lorna Doone* is being sold. The author stayed at the Royal Oak Inn at Withypool when he came to the area in 1866 to research his work. The pub and a two-bedroom cottage are on sale for £695,000.

Award for boy

Benjamin Marks, left brain damaged after Watford General Hospital failed to monitor his condition before his delivery in 1992, was awarded £1.5 million damages at the High Court. South West Hertfordshire Health Authority admitted negligence.

Painting prize

John Hubbard, whose most recent landscapes are inspired by the craggy west coast of Scotland, last night won the £30,000 Jerwood painting prize. He beat six other finalists, including Anthony Green and John McLean.

Price on pier

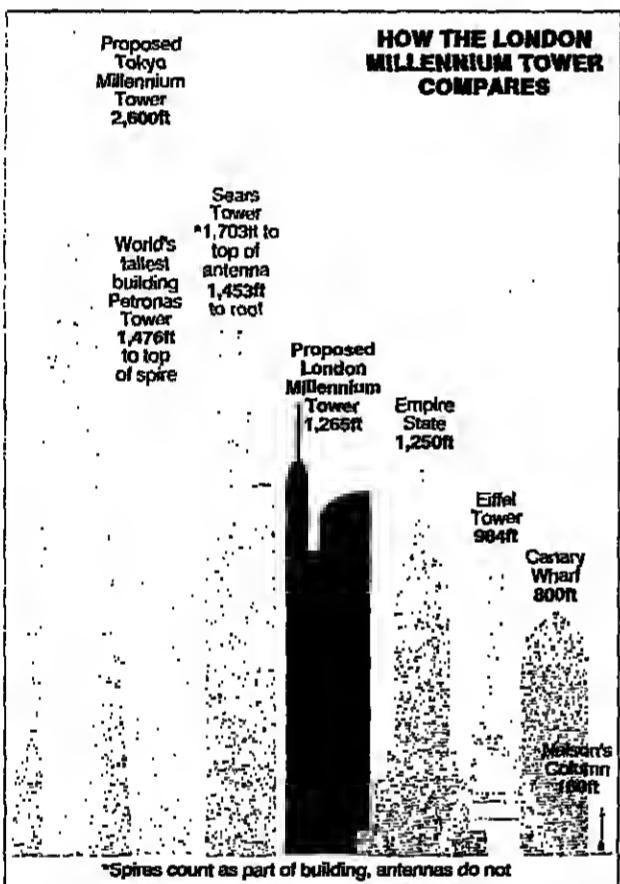
Hastings Pier, in East Sussex, is for sale for £3 million. The quarter-mile-long pier, built in 1872, has shops, a ballroom, bingo hall and amusement arcades. The pier is for sale because the present owner cannot afford to carry out restoration work.

Exhibit's bananas

An exhibit made of banana skins is to go on show at a gallery at Nottingham Trent University. Shelley Sack, a lecturer, stitched together 3,000 dried skins. Her taped interviews with the farmers who grew the fruit will play beside the exhibit.

Race to realise the mile-high dream

By Marcus Binney



THE race to build the world's tallest building looks set to move to Europe, shifting the focus from South-East Asia, where six of the world's tallest towers are under construction.

In 1985 America had the world's ten tallest buildings but, according to recent estimates, only ten buildings of more than 20 storeys are currently under construction in the US.

Some of the buildings have been very short-lived titleholders, most notably the Chrysler building in Manhattan, quickly eclipsed by the Empire State Building. Until recently, the 1,454 ft Sears Tower in Chicago had held the title for 21 years.

Europe's prime contender for high-rise glory was the proposed Tour Sans Fin, in Paris, designed by architectural superstar Jean Nouvel and intended to rise 1,377 feet. This has been indefinitely postponed and the title has been taken by the Commerz Bank in Frankfurt, topped out last month and also designed by Sir Norman Foster.

The title for the world's

tallest building is now being taken by the twin Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur, designed by the Argentinian-born Cesar Pelli, who is also architect of the 800 ft tower at Canary Wharf. The Petronas Towers will be overtaken in turn by the 108-storey Kowloon Nina Tower, currently under construction in Hong Kong. The tower is being built by Nina Wang, one of the world's richest women, in honour of her husband, kidnapped five years ago and still missing. The precise height of the building is being kept a secret in case others seek to pip it by a few feet.

The Nina Tower is likely to be beaten in turn by the 114-storey, 1,500 ft Chong Qing tower in China, currently under construction, which is to have a hotel above the clouds.

Tallest of all is Foster's planned 2,600 ft Millennium Tower, designed for Tokyo Bay but yet to receive the go-ahead. In the world of dreams, Frank Lloyd Wright's mile-high tower still remains unbeaten.

Anticipating the possibility of a breach of trust by Robert Hay, 42, appeared for sentence at Bristol Crown Court after being convicted in July on seven charges of indecent assault. The incidents involved six boys aged nine to 12 at the school in Devon, between August 1992 and June last year.

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The honeymoon with hidden extras

By Harvey Elliott, Travel Correspondent

HONEYMOON ensembles who book a one-bedroom apartment may find they have to pay double to ensure they have the place to themselves.

Although Spanish hotel rooms and apartments must be of a minimum size, there is no law that specifies how many people should be in each room. As a result the number of people some tour operators expect to fill a room or apartment is often unrealistic. *Holiday Which?* says.

The magazine says: "If you travel with the tour operator Inspirations to the Port d'Alcudia apartments - recommended for honeymoons because it guarantees peace, seclusion and privacy - you'll pay £447 each for two weeks in August. But add £540 to the bill if you're not prepared to share your one-bedroom apartment."

Holiday Which?, published by the Consumers' Association, said children

did not count towards the occupancy of a room - especially those on free or discounted child places. So a family of four booking a one-bedroom apartment that sleeps four adults would pay two adult fares, two child fares and two under-occupancy supplements. "It may be cheaper to count one or all of your children as adults and avoid under-occupancy charges," the magazine advises.

Holiday companies last night rejected the criticisms. "They are completely confused about how apartment holidays work," said Alan Flook of the Federation of Tour Operators. "If you rent a villa it costs X pounds whether there is one person in it or ten. It is the same for an apartment."

Inspirations said that its brochure clearly stated the number of people required to share the apartment at the price quoted.

Head jailed for indecent assault

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

A HEADMASTER convicted of molesting boarders at a boys' school was jailed for three years yesterday.

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"these matters are so serious a non-custodial sentence cannot be justified".

The boys gave evidence by video link, and one, nine at the time of an assault in 1992, told of how he had been "too scared to move" and had "frozen with fright" after Hay pulled down his shorts and touched his genitals. Another pupil, 12 at the time of an assault in 1995, had rung Childline for advice.

Hay, who resigned from his post last summer, insisted throughout the trial that he had done nothing indecent and had no idea why the boys had made such allegations. He claimed he was adjusting their bed clothes. Ian Pringle, for the defence, said yesterday that physically the offences were at the lower end of the scale of indecent assaults.

After the sentencing, a parent of one of the boys said: "We are desperately worried about the long-term damage a man like this could have done to our sons."

Spear-wielding Kurds take a stab at angling

By Russell Jenkins

ANGLERS on the River Lea in north London were astonished when they spotted Kurds spearing fish and barbecuing their catches on a riverbank spit. Now they say that the refugees from Saddam Hussein's regime represent a menace to their sport.

They have complained to bailiffs that the tactics of freshwater fishing - keeping fish in nets, weighing them and releasing them unharmed - are lost on the Kurds, who, armed with spears or wooden sticks and strings,

on the spot. Perch have been spotted roasting over an open fire at Tottenham lock, and the Lea Anglers Consortium fears the Kurds will extend their menu to include other, carefully husbanded fish. Recently, carp were introduced into the river to supplement the indigenous bream, roach, perch, dace and pike.

Terry Mansbridge, consortium coordinator, realises the Kurds have something other than sport on their minds. "It is called survival and is perfectly understandable," he said. "Meanwhile, we sit on the bank for

when we do, we throw them back. It seems daft but it is the British way. It is a sport and we keep the fish alive to cause little distress. The Kurds stick a pole through them and roast them on spits. That is distressing."

Several years ago, consortium members asked bailiffs to stop Chinese youths turning the river into a take-away. They have also had to put up with an invasion of Chinese mitten crabs, introduced in the 1930s by ships from the Far East emptying their bilges in the Thames.

Dave Coster, of the Tottenham

not very amused to see their fish eaten on the bank. They are just as displeased to catch mitten crabs. They come as big as a man's fist."

Anglers have clashed with a family which owns a Vietnamese restaurant and was trawling for larger than average fish in waters warmed by the hot-water outlets of Dungeness power station in Kent. Police were called to the dispute between the family of two adults and three children in a boat and rod anglers on a nearby beach who were fed up with them hauling in large catches. Fishery inspectors confiscated

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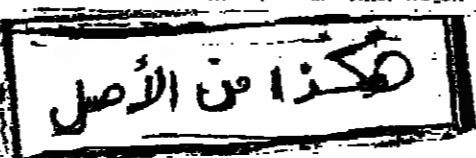
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Clinton's ex-partner goes to jail rather than testify

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

SUSAN McDUGAL, President Clinton's former White-water business partner, opted to go to prison yesterday rather than testify before a grand jury about the President's alleged procurement of an illegal loan.

McDougal surrendered herself to marshals at the Little Rock courthouse in Arkansas and was taken into custody. She was expected to be jailed for contempt of court before the day's end.

McDougal, 41, told reporters that Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater special prosecutor, and his team of investigators were interested only in destroying the President and First Lady. "They will do anything. There's nothing they won't do," she said. Mr Starr was angrily denied that allegation, accusing McDougal and her lawyer of "brazenly trying to deceive the public."

McDougal was convicted in May of illegally obtaining a \$300,000 (\$192,000) federally insured loan from David Hale, a Little Rock financier. Some of that money was funnelled into the failing

Whitewater Development Corporation which she and her former husband, James, jointly owned with the Clintons.

At her trial Mr Hale claimed Mr Clinton, as Arkansas Governor, had pressured him into making that loan. The President denied that charge under oath, as did James McDougal. Susan McDougal claims Mr Starr offered her leniency if she would incriminate the Clintons but she refused and on August 20 was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

Last week Mr Starr and his prosecutors subpoenaed McDougal to testify before the Whitewater grand jury. They asked her directly whether she had discussed the loan with Mr Clinton and whether the President had perjured himself in his trial testimony. After she refused to answer, Susan Weber, a federal judge, gave her until yesterday to change her mind or face up to 18 months in prison.

In a separate development, a congressional committee gave Dick Morris, President

Clinton's disgraced political guru, until last night to hand over all his records on the "Filegate" scandal.

William Clinger, the committee's Republican chairman, sent Mr Morris a letter demanding all "correspondence, e-mail, memos, talking points, briefing papers, polling data, telephone records and other records" relating to the White House's highly improper acquisition of several hundred confidential FBI files on Republican officials.

Mr Clinger also ordered Mr Morris to "affirm by sworn statement" whether Sherry Rowlands, the prostitute with whom he had a year-long extramarital affair, had correctly quoted him as saying that Hillary Clinton had ordered the acquisition of the files.

Mr Morris telephoned the Clinton campaign last week to deny saying any such thing, and was said to be preparing a statement for delivery to the committee last night, but at midday yesterday it was still unclear whether he would

surrender his apparently copious records. Since he resigned over the sex affair last month it has emerged that he kept detailed notes on the Clinton White House because he planned to write a post-election book for which — after his resignation — he has negotiated a \$2.5 million advance.

Mr Clinger warned Mr Morris that the committee "may need to take additional efforts to secure sworn testimony from you" — an oblique way of saying he would be subpoenaed if he failed to comply with the demands.

□ Air safety: Mr Clinton, embracing a report on airline safety, requested \$1 billion yesterday to place bomb-detection devices in airports and bolster FBI anti-terrorism efforts. "We cannot make the world risk-free, but we can reduce the risks we face," he said. "And we have to take the fight to terrorists."

The President challenged Congress to approve the \$1 billion request as soon as possible. "Terrorists don't wait," he declared. "And neither should we." (AP)



Susan McDougal, found guilty of loan fraud in May, faces an extra jail sentence for refusing to tell a grand jury whether the President had lied under oath

Rap star shot in 'gangsta' feuding

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

A RAP singer was wounded several times when gunmen riddled his limousine with bullets on the busy Flamingo Boulevard in Las Vegas.

Police believe the attack on Tupac Shakur, 25, was the result of a feud between Death Row records, for whom Mr Shakur is a best-selling star, and rivals in the music world.

Mr Shakur, who sings anti-authoritarian "gangsta" rap, had been travelling in a convoy of ten limousines to a nightclub on Saturday night after attending Mike Tyson's world heavyweight championship boxing bout. When the convoy reached the boulevard, the gunmen drew up alongside Mr Shakur's car in a white Cadillac and opened fire with automatic weapons.

Mr Shakur, who was shot four times in the chest, was recovering yesterday in hospital. He declined to assist police. In 1994, he had been shot five times at a New York recording studio. The culprit was never found.

Mexico brutality plays into hands of peasant rebels

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN ATOYAC DE ALVÁREZ

A MASSACRE in this poor rural town in Mexico's rugged southwest almost three decades ago set off a rebellion that lives on in the minds of many residents.

Now, in the hills outside Acapulco, a new band of guerrillas has emerged, and history threatens to repeat itself. Attacks by the rebels, killing at least 18 people in several states in the past ten days, has brought sharply into focus the reality of Mexico's deeply divided society.

Nowhere is that more apparent than on the Mexican Riviera where, a short drive from Acapulco into the desolate mountains of Guerrero state, the disco beat of the resort's night life quickly fades into the rural sounds of poverty. The badlands of Guerrero are a forgotten world of barefoot children and dirt-floor shacks, where peasant farmers earn about \$1 a day tending crops of coffee and maize.

For decades, governors from Mexico's ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) have relied on the state police to keep rural order. A crowd gathered in the plaza of Atoyac de Álvarez on May 18, 1967, to hear Lucio Cabañas, a young teacher, criticise government policy. As he spoke, troops fired into the crowd, killing eight. The teacher escaped to the mountains to plan a guerrilla war.

Cabañas and his 400 men held off the army for seven years, but in December 1974 he was captured and killed. A recent National Human Rights Commission report said that the Government "removed" at least 530 people during that period.

Since then, the lot of Guerrero's poor has worsened, even as Mexican leaders tried to launch the nation into the First World and joined the North American Free Trade Agreement with the United States and Canada. In an attempt to modernise its farm policy, the Government has cut agricultural credits, causing increased rural poverty.

In the face of mounting discontent, the Government's

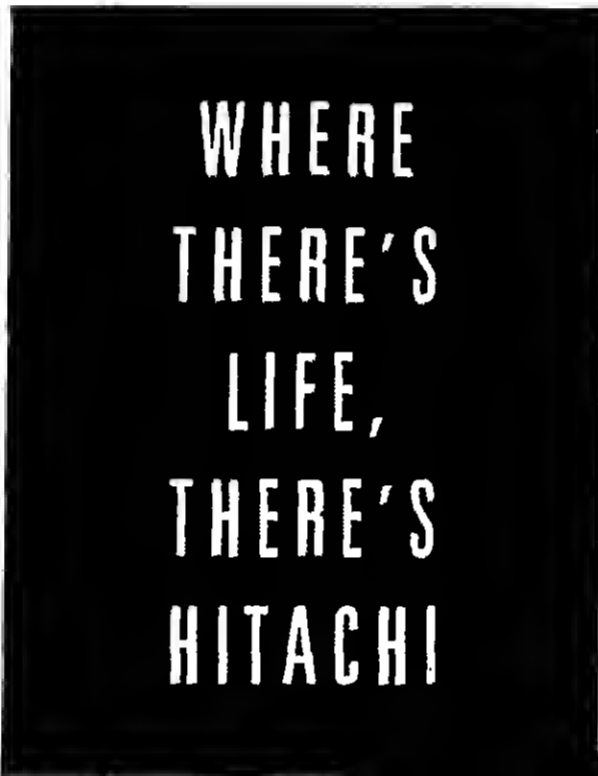
response is more repression. Human rights groups claim that more than 100 peasant activists and local opposition politicians have been killed in Guerrero by the state police in the last three years.

On June 28 last year, 17 farmers were shot dead when state police ambushed the lorry carrying them to a demonstration to demand fertiliser and loans. On June 28 this year, a Mass at the site of the massacre was interrupted by 80 heavily armed masked guerrillas who proclaimed the creation of the Popular Revolutionary Army (EPR). In a five-point manifesto, the rebels vowed to avenge police killings and overthrow the Government.

Many of the several hundred mourners cheered the rebels, said Father Maximino Gómez, a radical priest who celebrated the Mass. "It was a pleasant surprise to find out that the people at last have an army on their side," he said. In the face of government injustice, he said, armed struggle was "utterly justified," and had the overwhelming support of the rural peasantry, even if some were wary of showing it.

Others disagree, saying the EPR lacks popular support and its attacks will only bring more repression.

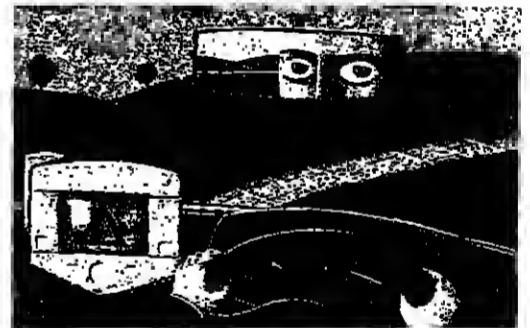
As thousands of troops comb the mountains of Guerrero looking for guerrillas, critics say the Government's determination to root out the rebels comes at the cost of ignoring the causes of the conflict. Many fear that increased militarisation of the countryside will only create more recruits to rebel ranks.



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Hawaii gay wedding case tests US law

FROM GILES WHITTILL IN LOS ANGELES

A JUDGE in Hawaii must decide today whether same-sex marriages should be legal in the state. His verdict will have profound implications for the state's relations with the rest of the country, and for the American definition of marriage itself.

Joseph Melillo and Patrick Logan, who have been living together for 18 years, first applied for a marriage licence in 1990. When it was refused, they appealed to the state's supreme court, which in a 1993 ruling that appalled conservatives stated that denying homosexuals the right to marry violated the state's Constitution.

The issue threatens to divide a nation, and to become a political football in the run-up to an election being fought largely over differing views of

"family values". The Honolulu district attorney, fighting for the existing "straight-only" marriage law, has the backing of the religious Right, most conservative legislators and the well-known pundit William Bennett, whom Bob Dole considered as a possible vice-presidential running mate. He recently called the idea of gay marriage an "inherently flawed social experiment on an institution that is the keystone in the arch of civilisation".

Mr Melillo and Mr Logan, and two lesbian couples who have joined their crusade, are backed by the American Civil Liberties Union as well as gay advocacy groups. Despite a history of tolerance for homosexuality, however, 70 per cent of Hawaiians say they oppose gay weddings.

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Sir Alastair Morton, left, with Robert Malpas, who will succeed him as one of the two co-chairmen of Eurotunnel by the end of next month

Time short for Morton to agree Eurotunnel deal

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM
EUROTUNNEL and its 225 banks have not yet reached agreement on the restructuring of its £9 billion debt, Sir Alastair Morton, co-chairman, said yesterday, and a deal may not be in place until the end of October, when he is due to leave the company.
"There is very little left to talk about. I think there are about eight hours of serious negotiations to do and I have about eight weeks to do it in," he said.
"The pieces of a deal are on the table," he added, but the two sides have not yet agreed on the fundamental matters of how the deal is divided between banks and shareholders. He declined to say whether the banks would eventually own more than half of Eurotunnel's equity, saying that the division of long-term cashflow is what counts. "It will not be an Anglo-Saxon creditor-takes-all deal," he insisted. The banks are pushing for a large debt-for-equity swap and the eventual deal is also expected to involve a convertible bond issue.
Eurotunnel suspended interest payments on most of its debt last September and has been in negotiations with a steering committee of six banks ever since. Two mediators, Lord Wakeham and Robert Badinter, have been helping to prepare a deal.
Once an agreement is found, the steering committee must ensure 100 per cent support from the other creditor banks, while 75 per cent of

shareholders will also have to vote in favour of a deal. Eurotunnel has about 750,000 small shareholders.
According to Sir Alastair, even if an agreement with the steering committee is reached soon, shareholders are unlikely to be able to vote on it until the middle of next year. He said that the votes by banks and shareholders could both go against a deal, "but you have to start somewhere".
The company yesterday reported that it had cut its losses in the six months to June 30 to £371 million from £426 million a year ago. Revenues have more than doubled to £224 million and Eurotunnel is "on course to achieve its announced objective of a 50 per cent increase on 1995" when they were £299 million. Net

interest charges totalled £332 million, compared to £355 million a year ago. The group has been operating at break-even since March, after all costs, including depreciation, but before financial charges and bank fees.
Eurotunnel has increased its market share in car transport on the Dover/Folkestone-Calais route to 45 per cent last month, Sir Alastair said. He argued that rationalisation by the ferry companies is "long overdue." Only about half the 14 ferries now serving the routes should be operating, he said. The ferry companies' aggressive reaction to the threat to their business from the Channel Tunnel, as well as a series of delays during construction, meant that the company had been operating

Shops ring up healthy sales as inflation pressures ease

By JANET BUSH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN continues to enjoy a virtuous combination of improving consumer demand and easing inflation pressure. The British Retail Consortium (BRC) today reports a buoyant August in the high street, and yesterday there was another very good set of figures on industry's costs and prices.
The Office for National Statistics (ONS) yesterday reported that producer input prices — the cost of raw materials — rose by only 0.3 per cent in August and left input prices down 2.2 per cent from a year ago. This was slightly less of a fall than the 2.3 per cent drop recorded in July.
Output prices were flat in August, cutting the rate of factory gate inflation to 2.0 per cent from 2.2 per cent in July. The ONS said that underlying output price inflation — which strips out volatile food, drink, tobacco and petroleum prices and is a good measure of trends — fell to 1.2 per cent. This is its lowest level since 1967.

Output prices have now fallen for eight consecutive months, from 4.4 per cent in December to only 2 per cent in August, the lowest rate since July 1994. Analysts were particularly impressed with yesterday's figures, given that oil prices have risen.
The continuing fall in input and output prices hint at a good performance ahead for retail prices. Ian Shepherdson, chief UK economist of HSBC Markets, said that yesterday's figures suggest that a huge fall in retail prices is imminent and that the underlying inflation rate should fall into the Government's target range of 2.5 per cent or less over the next few months.
Some economists argued that the figures leave open the possibility of another cut in base rates. Keith Davies, UK economist for Coast Ltd, noted that last week's news of a modest uptick in manufacturing meant that the Chancellor could no longer use industrial weakness as justification for a rate cut. However, he suggested that the Chancellor may still use the benign inflation outlook as a peg on which to hang a further rate cut.
The perception of what will happen to interest rates will depend partly on Thursday's retail prices figures for August, which are expected to show all the key measures of inflation falling.
Many commentators remain convinced that lower rates are not justified with consumer sectors of the economy strengthening. The BRC reported an annual increase in the value of retail sales of 6.9 per cent in August compared with July's year on year growth rate of 5.4 per cent. In the three months from June to August, sales rose by an average 6.5 per cent a month, well above the 2.8 per cent recorded in the same months last year.
The BRC noted that sales were healthy, in spite of relatively cool August weather, with the improving housing market helping retailers of electrical and DIY goods, furniture and carpets.
Andrew Senicane, chief economic adviser to the BRC, said that, in the current climate of low interest rates, retail sales should continue to grow at the present rate.
The ONS yesterday published leading indicators for July that showed the shorter leading index, which signals turning points in the economy about six months ahead, falling for the first time this year. This suggests that growth may ease in the next few months.

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S&P Composite	669.26 (+3.58)
US RATE	
Federal Funds	5 1/4% (5 1/4%)
Long Bond	8 1/4% (8 1/4%)
Yield	7.12% (7.11%)
LONDON MONEY	
3-mth interbank	5 1/4% (5 1/4%)
Life long gilt	10 1/2% (10 1/2%)
future (Dec)	
STERLING	
New York	1.5858* (1.5858)
London	
DM	1.5800 (1.5833)
FF	2.3271 (2.3270)
SP	7.9482 (7.9489)
Yen	109.18* (109.17)
Yen	170.19 (170.52)
E index	85.6 (85.7)
DOLLAR	
London	1.4942* (1.4925)
FF	5.1071* (5.1051)
SP	12.167* (12.190)
Yen	109.18* (109.17)
E index	96.5 (96.5)
Tokyo close Yen 108.90	
NORTH SEA OIL	
Brent 15-day (Nov)	\$21.70 (\$21.90)
London close	\$383.50 (\$385.55)

Ostrich cash 'was siphoned offshore'

KAREN ZAGOR
THE alleged financial mismanagement by the directors and business partners of the Ostrich Farming Corporation (OFC), which took in millions of pounds before it ceased trading at Easter, are spelt out in a High Court writ filed for OFC by Coopers & Lybrand, its liquidator.
The writ alleges £3.7 million was paid to Wallstreet LLC, an American company, for no apparent purpose. It claims "Wallstreet was a mere facade having no commercial purpose of any kind whatsoever and brought into existence solely to enable money to be siphoned out of the Plaintiff [OFC] into an offshore entity."
Of the money paid to Wallstreet, £1.49 million was allegedly misappropriated by OFC directors Allan Walker, Brian Ketchell, and Jack Bennett, and Kevin Jones, owner of one of its marketing firms. Mr Jones previously headed the Alchemy pyramid selling scheme that was closed after a Department of Trade inquiry. Mr Bennett is described as "the controlling mind and will and/or a de facto or shadow director of Wallstreet" as well as a director of Wallstreet Corporation (UK).
OFC made its money by selling ostriches to the public, and then arranging care and breeding. The liquidators have arranged for the birds to be fed while they try to establish ownership. The owners still do not know if they will get their money or their birds back. Serious Fraud Office investigations continue.

New RJB mine brings 500 jobs

By OLIVER AUGUST
RJB Mining, the company that bought most of British Coal's mines, will create more than 500 jobs by developing the first new pit in 15 years on a coalfield east of Nottingham. The pit contains 150 million tonnes of coal and is estimated to yield 3 million tonnes a year. It will take 15 years to develop.
A spokesman for RJB mining confirmed it will make an announcement on a "major new project" to coincide with the publication of its half-year results today.
One analyst said: "It seems strange that they should open a new mine when the UK coal market as a whole is shrinking. This mine must have pretty good conditions."
As there is no real need to build extra capacity, the logical conclusion was that RJB Mining might be intending to close some of its other already operating but less efficient mines, said the analyst. There are already rumours that two or three mines are heading for closure.
The City expects RJB Mining to report a tough first half. The company is said to face two serious competitive problems. First, the nuclear industry is fully back on stream and, the gas sector is in a better position compared with last year.
Half-year pre-tax profits are thought to be roughly similar to last year's £85 million, but operating profits will have fallen. The last mine development to be started was in Asfordby, Leicestershire in 1981. The mine began producing its annual 1.5 million tonnes of coal in April last year. RJB Mining, headed by Richard Budge, currently employs 9,500 people in 20 collieries.

P&O and Nedlloyd form £2.6bn company

By PAUL DURMAN
LORD STERLING, chairman of P&O, drew upon the examples of Shell and Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch giants, as he announced that the British shipping company is to form a £2.6 billion container business with Royal Nedlloyd of The Netherlands.
P&O Nedlloyd will control the world's largest container fleet, with 112 owned and chartered ships, and 540,000 container boxes. P&O and Royal Nedlloyd will each own 50 per cent of the new company, whose chief executive will be Tim Harris.
The merger will cause 1,400 jobs losses, 250 of them in the UK. The companies have spent six months on the deal and think they have identified \$200 million annual savings. Sir Bruce MacPhail, P&O's managing director, said the savings — mostly from staff cuts, but also from eliminating duplication in container routes and systems development — will lead to an immediate improvement in results from the container business. Returns to P&O should rise to 15 per cent, against 5 per cent last year.
P&O will transfer £700 million of assets to P&O Nedlloyd — though not Southampton Container Terminal or Tilbury Container Services. Nedlloyd, where Leo Berndsen is chairman, will transfer its container shipping business into the new company, but will pay P&O £113 million to balance the shareholders.
Tempus, page 30



Lord Sterling, left, with Leo Berndsen yesterday

Morgan Grenfell redemptions fall

By JON ASHWORTH
REDEMPTIONS by unit-holders in Morgan Grenfell funds tailed off sharply yesterday, in the wake of initial alarm over trading activities by Peter Young, the suspended fund manager. Investors redeemed £39 million yesterday, compared with £83 million on Friday, and £110 million on Thursday, when the scale of the problems at Morgan Grenfell became apparent.
Investigators continue to study the activities of Mr Young, who used offshore funds to invest heavily in unquoted securities. The Serious Fraud Office is in close touch with the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro), but has yet to launch a separate investigation.
Morgan Grenfell Asset Management (MGAM) said it was encouraged by the fall in redemptions. A spokesman said: "As expected, the rate has slowed down significantly, and there is still enough cash left in the funds." Deutsche Bank, which owns Morgan Grenfell, has injected £180 million in cash to support the European Growth Trust, and two other funds.
Meanwhile, Ashurst Technology, a Toronto-listed engineering group, expressed surprise yesterday that MGAM had built a stake of up to 49.9 per cent in the company — enough, potentially, to trigger a mandatory bid.
Ashurst has asked its financial adviser in London to clarify the extent of Morgan Grenfell's shareholding. It said the size of the holding may subject Morgan Grenfell to certain Canadian follow-up obligations which the company was not in a position to assess. Morgan Grenfell would not comment.

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Jobs and baggage in the air at BA Business tests the TUC water Eco-friendly products suffer a setback

Despair in the departure lounge

BRITISH AIRWAYS is growing to resemble one of those circus elephants that occasionally runs amok...

It points out that £800 million in costs were taken out in the previous five years... The next phase, codenamed "Step Change"...

action is taken, says the world's favourite airline. None of this makes BA's employees feel any better about the ham-fisted antics...

Blackpool illumination

BUSINESS leaders were clearly in evidence at the annual conference of the Trades Union Congress in Blackpool yesterday...



What business leaders heard from Blackpool yesterday drew from them a mixed response. They liked the emphasis on competitiveness...

government will sign. From the TUC, they don't rouch like a national minimum wage. Unions will set in Blackpool tomorrow their own preliminary target level for a statutory minimum.

Though Labour is constantly trying to increase its appeal to business — sometimes to the irritation and even anger of trade unions at the TUC — business leaders are coming to recognise that this process will go so far...

the election — and if that leads business leaders to Blackpool to try to find out, then that's the right move too.

Grey day for green washes

ANOTHER eighty myth bites the dust. Green cleaning products are not very good for the environment. Sainsbury's has decided to axe some of its "green" detergents...

many producers who make some claim to eco-friendly status — other supermarkets, the Body Shop, et al — to prove to consumers that their products really are all that they claim.

One problem with environmentally friendly cleaning products in particular is that often a lot more of them are needed to achieve the same results one would get using a standard, chemical-packed product.

Out like a lamb

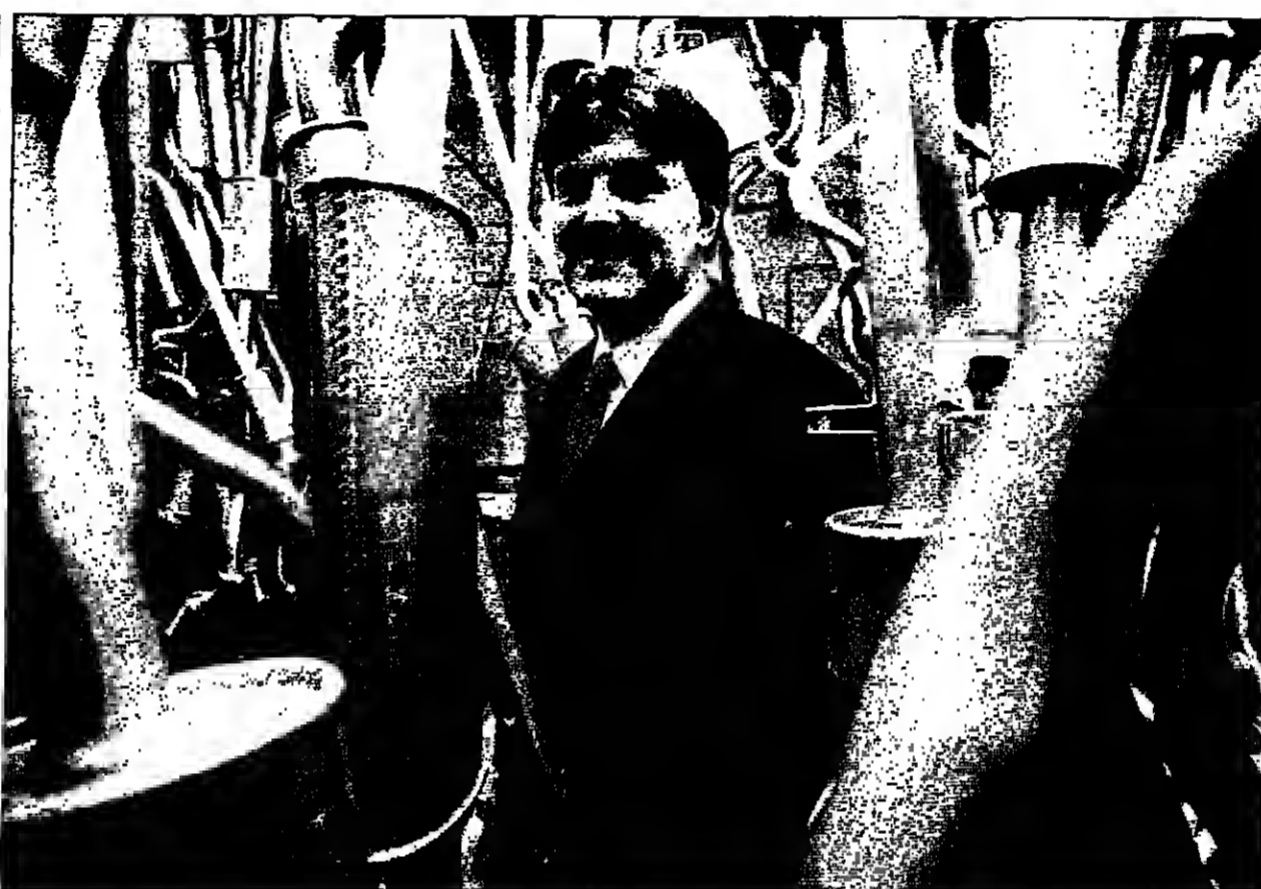
SIR ALASTAIR MORTON was unnervingly pleasant when announcing better half-year figures and market share for Eurotunnel yesterday.

Danka in copiers takeover at Kodak

By PAUL DURMAN

DANKA Business Systems, the acquisitive photocopier group, will double in size when it buys part of Kodak's office equipment business for \$684 million.

ka's chairman, said the deal would give his company a network of more than 700 offices in 35 countries. It would enable Danka to meet all the copying needs of its customers.



Man of many parts: Chris Swan, chairman and managing director of Finelist Group, the distributor of automotive components, reported a rise in the company's pre-tax profits to £8.55 million...

Waterford down on BSE worry

FROM EILEEN McCABE IN DUBLIN

AN international downturn in dairy product prices and the continuing BSE beef scare resulted in a 4 per cent drop in interim pre-tax profits for Waterford Foods, the Irish dairy company.

Bull run ahead for Hammerson

By CARL MORTSHED

HAMMERSON, the property group which in June acquired the Bull Ring shopping centre in Birmingham, is increasing its interim dividend by 5.7 per cent to 3.7p.

Irish join Australian airports race

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY

AER RIANTA, joined the battle for Australia's airports yesterday, saying that it intends to bid for three of the country's biggest airports in the imminent A\$4 billion (£2 billion) privatisation.

Decline at Rugby Group

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

RUGBY GROUP, the building materials company, reported a 20 per cent drop in interim profits yesterday and gave warning that the outlook for the second half is mixed.

Greenhills in advanced talks to buy Browns nightclub

By JASON NISSÉ



Browns is a favoured haunt of Naomi Campbell

GREENHILLS, the troubled AIM-listed leisure group, is in advanced talks to buy the exclusive Covent Garden nightclub, Browns, and is to take on two new directors who have been involved in six companies which have been insolvent.

companies now in liquidation and one, Routecentre, which went into receivership but has paid off its debts and discharged the receiver. Mr Alculumbre was also involved in one of Mr Panayiotou's insolvent companies, Crusader Lighting...

City welcomes BTR disposal of stake in Taiwan group

By ALASDAIR MURRAY

BTR, the diversified engineering company, yesterday continued its disposal of non-core assets with the £191 million sale of its 51 per cent stake in Taiwan Polymer Group. The company said that it would make a book loss of £76 million on the sale...

first half of 1996, compared with £37 million in the same period in 1995. Proceeds of the disposal will be used to invest in the future development of BTR, the company said yesterday.

Interim goes after ASW loss

By PAUL DURMAN

ASW HOLDINGS, the steel manufacturer, is passing the payment of an interim dividend after suffering a first-half loss of £24.2 million. Sales declined £50 million to £280.7 million as prices fell sharply and its customers reduced stocks of steel beams and other reinforcements...



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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Twitching to be off

SIR Alastair Morton has been meticulously planning his hols for when he stands down as co-chairman of Eurotunnel at the end of October...

Away games

ANOTHER HSBC employee is being shipped across the Atlantic to join the bank's burgeoning gheto in Summit, New Jersey...

Off the ball

HOWARD DAVIES spends his "most important hour of the week" on Friday afternoons sweating in a Manchester City kit...



Davies: great escape

Own goal

THE City Diary telephone lit up on Friday after my comment about the smoking ban at Molins' results meeting...

Cider with Norma

JOHN and Norma Major flew into Bulmer's backyard yesterday for some liquid refreshment at the liquid refreshment at Hereford...

MORAG PRESTON



Ups and downs: sales growth at Disneyland Paris has slowed this year from 17 per cent in the first quarter to a flat forecast in the final

The theme may change but it still is not child's play

Frank le Duc gives an end of summer report on a leisure market growth sector

Analysts and investors could have picked up some hot tips from a bunch of kids this past week. Back at their desks after the long summer break, schoolchildren have been comparing the destinations they visited and the bread-taking rides they tried out at Europe's theme parks...

climate than Paris, have ensured that the only rollercoaster ride has been for the Spanish park's visitors. Port Aventura is one of three theme parks run by Tussauds and has proved profitable from an early stage...

on September 30, Nigel Reed, leisure analyst at Paribas, said: "A period when you make two thirds of your revenues (third and fourth quarters) is showing inadequate growth..."



Bourguignon: longer visits

She praised the transport infrastructure (though Disneyland Paris is now well-connected when it comes to planes, trains and automobiles, compared with when it launched) and added that 20 million tourists visit the Costa Dorada each year...

Other differences between the two attractions are that Disneyland Paris is on a larger scale and open all year, which adds to the cost base, although the improvement in operating revenue shown in the first two quarters of the current financial year highlight the scope for growth that Euro Disney is keen to emphasise...

Mr Reed said that while there would be no new rides next year, there would be a big celebration of the park's fifth birthday, complete with special parades and new shows. The need for further development could also mean a further

cash call. "There has been no suggestion recently, but it wouldn't surprise me. It's a significant possibility."

At Tussauds Group, the successful opening of a hotel at Alton Towers this year has pleased Michael Jolly, the chairman and chief executive, who said: "There is no fixed or firm commitment just now to build hotels at Port Aventura, but there is every intention to do so..."

Chessington World of Adventures, another Tussauds attraction, has faced competition this year from not only Thorpe Park, but Legoland Windsor. Mr Jolly said: "There has been no diminution in visitors, and sometimes growth over last year. Legoland has stimulated the market..."

Mr Richards, who will be issuing Tourism Research & Marketing's annual report on theme parks, does not expect to report any major new rides at the best-known parks. But Efteling in The Netherlands is another park planning a hotel. Mr Richards foresees potential for Western Europe's main parks to build new rides, as there is a good market in Eastern Europe and South America for second-hand rides...

The other significant trend is the greater emphasis on "education": Parc Asterix in France cottoned on to this early on, and Disneyland Paris showed that it understood the concept when it introduced the Space Mountain ride, featuring associated educational material. More in a similar vein can be expected about sailing and navigating between now and the end of the century as Euro Disney taps this theme in its efforts to persuade parents that a visit is more than just a fun day out...

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Why further Euro-fudge will sweeten path to EMU

Talk of European monetary union being derailed because countries are failing to meet the Maastricht economic convergence criteria is looking dangerously naive. The single currency will probably go ahead, on the back of a shameless statistical Euro-fudge if necessary.

elites in Paris, Bonn and Brussels are concerned. All the worthy attention to detail, all the good intentions about economic convergence are being junked. For the Bundesbank, this is a nightmare. For British Euro-sceptics, it is a simple reason to remain deeply suspicious about the single currency. If countries which do not meet the criteria strictly are allowed in simply because their participation is deemed politically necessary, how easy will it be to keep others out? If France is allowed to get away with outrageous interpretations of Maastricht's deficit rules, why can't Greece or Portugal?

The financial markets have known this for months, which is why German and French long bond yields have converged and why currency dealers have only flirted with attacking the franc. But now we all have proof that the politics driving the campaign for a single currency will shamelessly trample over the economics. John Major should decide how he intends to respond to this new intelligence before the Dublin summit on the Saturday before the Tory Party Conference. His Euro-sceptic wing has some stupendous new ammunition.

Last week, France announced an astonishing deal with France Telecom. Before it is privatised, the state-owned company will make a one-off payment to the Government of £37.5 billion, the equivalent of £4.7 billion or 0.5 per cent of gross domestic product. In return, the Government has promised to keep in the public purse the future cost of telecom workers' pension payments. Put baldly, France gives itself a fighting chance of meeting the Maastricht deficit criteria but also burdens future taxpayers with huge unfunded pension liabilities.

Yves-Thibault de Silguy, spokesman for Europe's Monetary Affairs Commissioner, has said that the Commission has not yet taken a definitive position on the transfer, but it is inconceivable that France will be stopped. The Commission is so desperate for the single currency to go ahead, whatever the economic arguments, that it is reputed to boast a team devoted to exploiting the vague language of Maastricht and dreaming up accounting wizzes to ensure that enough countries make the EMU grade.

The fact that the French announcement has not created a political storm in Europe and seems to have been ignored by the markets should once and for all shift the European debate away from the Maastricht criteria. They will not be met, but tant pis as far as the political

All the good intentions about economic convergence are being junked? leaves the taxpayer to pick up the incalculable tab for de-commissioning. All this makes negotiations about the rules of the game after EMU that much more crucial. As the quid pro quo for allowing the Maastricht rules to be bent out of recognition, Britain and others should now force a serious debate on the Stability Pact. This is the system of sanctions proposed by Germany to impose long-term economic discipline on countries which have skewed policy purely towards meeting arbitrary criteria on an arbitrary deadline. Unfortunately for those of us who believe that the single currency will wreak untold havoc on the European economies without proper economic convergence — even if that is possible — there are already signs of backsliding as the German Government falls over itself to appease France. Just a week ago, Bonn said that it could relax the Stability Pact for countries suffering exceptional hardship or natural disaster. It looks like another slice of Euro-fudge to sweeten the road to 1999. Isn't Britain entitled to question whether all this is the recipe for stability in Europe which Germany and France so insistently claim?

BUSINESS LETTERS

EU threats are the wrong way to persuade Britain to join single currency

From Mr Selwyn Hodson-Pressinger

Sir, I refer to reports of further EU scare tactics to coerce the UK into adopting the single currency (ref George Sivel's article in The Times, September 3, "London Eye on Frankfurt talks"; and ref George Brock's article "British Bankers fear banishment from exclusive money club", The Times, September 2).

Many like myself who worked alternately in the City and in the mainland Europe in recent years had grown to appreciate the merits of a common currency. It was something the mark was already fast resembling, being Europe's common currency by reference. For this reason many were initially enthusiastic about a single currency, which seemed a logical progression from the common currency.

However, the full implications of EMU and the difficulties arising from Maastricht's timetable for the imposition of a single currency give genuine cause for concern. To maintain the present momentum

for currency union looks increasingly impracticable in view of prevailing economic conditions. This is surely not the manner in which to defend the Franco-German axis and the cause of European integration. Similarly, EU recent threats to diminish London's standing as a European financial centre and exclude our bankers from a future "euro-zone" if we fail to adopt the single currency (ref articles by George Brock and George Sivel, The Times, September 2 and 3) is the wrong manner of persuasion.

Civil engineers are really good at boring

From Mr Brian Locke

Sir, re: City Diary, August 22 and Business Letters, August 29.

As a "supporter" of the world's first under-river tunnel (Thames, Rotherhithe 1825-1843, Brunel, father & son), and having slightly helped energy aspects of the world's latest/longest, Channel Tunnel — may I suggest

Sadly, EMU was not on the agenda of the last inter-governmental conference, but events may well ensure it receives the serious attention it deserves by the next IGC.

As for issues set out in the UK Government's last White Paper on Europe, they are clearly too important to be traded off lightly during any IGC negotiations. The UK must ensure its prime objective is generally understood: to remain a European partner, but only on terms that are acceptable.

Britain's future IGC negotiations would clearly benefit

that our civil engineers are the opposite of boring, but very good at doing it. The world, and the City, should indeed be grateful to them.

Yours faithfully, BRIAN LOCKE, Cadogan Consultants, Cadogan Grange, Bisley, Stroud, Gloucestershire.

from the threat of a British plebiscite on the country's continued full membership of the EU, not just on the single currency issue.

Such a sword of Damocles hanging over future IGC proceedings should ensure UK interests were properly protected, and be a counter to current EU coercive behaviour.

Yours faithfully, SELWYN HODSON-PRESSINGER, 4 Lyall Street, SW1.

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EDUCATION

Peter and Lynne Boundy explain how they supported their son through university despite having minimal income

When parents are on the breadline

Life as we knew it changed in September 1992. Until then we had enjoyed a comfortable, middle-class existence with few financial worries. We were cruising towards retirement with the prospect of a decent pension some time in the next decade and our children were almost off our hands, three down, one to go. Then we became the victims of downsizing and rationalisation. In a word, redundancy. Suddenly we became the nouveaux pauvres, the downwardly mobile, a statistic in the unemployment figures.

Fortunately our three older offspring were independent at this stage, having experienced their entry into higher education during our more affluent period. Unfortunately, for Simon, the youngest, the start of his university career coincided with this poverty-stricken period in our lives.

Filling in the grant form was not difficult. Income nil, expenditure unlimited. I exaggerate — we had state benefits of £70-odd a week but that barely covered all the insurance premiums we had been paying in our pre-unemployment days. So he was awarded a grant, enough to pay for his accommodation: the student loan might pay for his food and travel, and perhaps his books. But what about the beer, the clothes, the phone calls, the visits to the cinema, the tickets to see a band, all the things that ease the drudgery of study and help you to keep your end up in the popularity stakes? How was he going to be able to enjoy all those things that make the student experience pleasurable?

It didn't augur well when we realised that he was to be the only state comprehensive student in a university flat of four, the other three being the products of public schools and of much more affluent parents. And living in Edinburgh on a grant is no mean feat. Despite the extra money he had earned in the summer vacation as a waiter, gardener, painter and decorator, the handouts from grandparents and the money pressed into his hands by his older siblings (were these the children who only a few years previously could create the Third World War over the division of a bar of chocolate?) we were envisaging

him being saddled with debts at the end of his four years of study. In the event, we must pay tribute to the university's accommodation services department which had allocated the students to their particular flats. Despite their evident wealth, as we later appreciated, those students who don't qualify for a grant are often under similar financial pressures when their parents are struggling to keep them, and perhaps another son or daughter at university. Living in a student flat can be a great leveller, and they shared similar ideals and interests which turned out to be more important in forming friendships than any material considerations.

During that first year he subsisted with his grant and student loan. Obsessed as we were at home with our own problems of managing on state benefits, of wondering how we were going to pay the next bill, both of us coping with the added responsibility of a severely ill parent, we had little time for our youngest son. Apart from the weekly phone call in which he always assured us he was managing, we left him to his own devices. In some ways our lives were running parallel, all of us struggling to survive at barely subsistence level. And at last he was having fun.

The end of the first year, notwithstanding end-of-year exams and partying, is taken up with finding accommodation for the second year with amenable flatmates, and most importantly in Simon's straightened circumstances, with Getting Back the Deposit. Equivalent to a month's rent, this is a considerable sum in the fortunes of a poverty-stricken student but in the eyes of a majority of landlords is seen as fair game and extra bonus on top of the often exploitative rents charged.

We have become conversant with most of the remedies in the Household Tips books, mostly of the removal of beer stains, burn marks, filling in holes in the plaster variety, and last year he and his flatmates were successful in retrieving their deposit.

A further expense which is not built into the grants system is the fact that, in order to be assured of reasonable accommodation with like-minded friends, it appears to be



Down but not out: Peter and Lynne Boundy managed to send their youngest son Simon to Edinburgh, in spite of the trauma of unemployment

necessary to find, and pay rent for, the following year's flat throughout the whole of the summer vacation.

Working during the summer is *de rigueur* for the majority of students, and no less so for our son. The Benefits Agency was adamant we were not entitled to anything extra for the additional adult living with us for the three months of the summer vacation.

A short-term maintenance job in a local factory provided Simon with the means to enable him to keep up his rent payments on his flat and to go out with his mates occasionally, but it was more than a little guilt-inducing for us to feel we could do so little to support him. While so many of his peers were backpacking or just package-holidaying, he had to stay at home for lack of funds.

His second year has been equally stressful financially. Despite his lack of money, he has enjoyed a social life and maintained his circle of more affluent friends. The vacation will have to be spent earning enough money to pay his rent throughout the summer. We are in the world of employment once more and are gradually getting back on to a more stable financial footing. At least the threat of repossession no longer haunts us. Whatever small amount we are able to send him when the odd upturn in our luck occurs is always gratefully received, though this is a rare event.

It therefore came as no surprise to us to get a phone call in the first term of his second year, saying: "Mum, I'm in hospital." Our son, who had never had a day's absence from school, had developed an abscess in his throat which had to be drained as it was constricting his swallowing. His primary concern was the exam he had to take in two days' time. With strict instructions from his mother to inform his tutor that he was taking the exam under the influence of powerful drugs (of the medicinal variety) and was feeling less than well, he duly sat the exam. We took great comfort in the caring nature of his flatmates who visited him in hospital and kept us informed by phone of his progress.

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'We envisaged him being saddled with debts at the end'

Freshers' guide to surviving college

Students pass on some financial tips

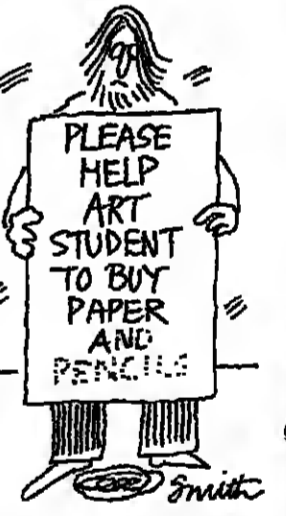
With the new term only a few weeks away, this is the time when all students, particularly freshmen, will be thinking about how they are going to make the most of what will be very limited finances. David Godley writes. They will have to learn how to survive, study and have a good time without incurring the wrath of their bank manager.

Speaking from personal experience, I know it is possible to do all three without having to rob a bank. Admittedly, studying at Oxford means that eight-week terms, coupled with lower than average accommodation costs, have saved me (so far) from the financial nightmare that many students experience.

Yes, even with a full loan and grant, I still ended my second year 1990 overdrawn. For many, a grant, loan and interest-free overdraft will not be enough. Some may have to take a part-time job to supplement their income and others will have to tap into the reserves of various college hardship funds, not to mention asking mum and dad for a fiver or two.

Attending college in the 1990s is an expensive business, but financial hardship need not mean the end of the world; the important thing for all students to remember is that if you encounter difficulties don't suffer in silence. Talk to someone, preferably your bank manager. As a student, you are at a premium because the bank wants to keep your custom. They know that in a few years you may be a wealthy customer.

By taking a few early steps now, you can pre-empt any difficulties so here are a few tips to help you on your way:



- If possible ask friends or relatives who have been to college how their bank treated them and shop around to find the best deal — do not be tempted by gimmicks.
- Try to find a sympathetic bank manager — one who, if necessary, will increase your overdraft limit should things get tough.
- Resist the temptation to use a credit card — they were not designed to fund a student lifestyle.
- Check out whether the college has a welfare fund. If so, then use it. That is what it is there for.
- And last, do not let money worries spoil your time at university. These days should be the best of your life, so live them to the full.

Students would receive nearly twice the current maintenance grant if it had risen in line with inflation over the past 20 years. James Ashton writes.

Vice-chancellors estimate that students embarking on a three-year degree course this autumn will owe £5,485 in loans plus interest, when they graduate in 1999. Those in Scotland, where a four-year degree is standard, will owe £7,811 in 2000.

Students who have yet to apply for a maintenance grant can still obtain forms from their sixth-form college or local education authority. The grant is confirmed on acceptance of an offer from a university or college and can be collected in termly instalments from the establishment.

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CHANGING TIMES

New glass university is Lincoln's pride

Campus opens with places to spare for this year's students

The first university to be built in a city centre for more than 25 years opens its doors this month and the race is on to finish it and to fill it with students.

Lincoln University campus got the final go-ahead only after this year's Open applications round had begun so there are plenty of places available for students.

The university is rapidly emerging from a building site as a £32 million state-of-the-art glass building. There can be no mistake that Lincoln has finally got its university.

Lincoln University campus is, strictly speaking, part of the University of Lincolnshire and Humberside, but by telling that to the people of the city who have fought long and hard for their university.

Arthur Ridings, associate Pro-Vice Chancellor, said: "There has been a tremendous effort in Lincolnshire to raise money to build this university. The local community has made this happen. We have waited so very long. There is now an intense anticipation of the economic, social and cultural benefits for Lincoln."

As Mr Ridings walked around the four-storey waterside building last week, he was visibly excited. The three lecture theatres were not finished and all the rooms were bare and uncarpeted, but it still looked very impressive with its banks of glass study rooms.

The building sits on 360 great pillars which help to make it virtually soundproof and the inside temperature is constantly controlled. The

views are staggering. Mr Ridings looked out of a giant wall of glass and pointed at Lincoln Cathedral.

He said: "Roger Gough, the Vice-Chancellor, looked down from there six years ago and had a vision. Now we are standing in it. This is a university for the millennium, equipped for the challenge of life in the 21st century."

"We are different from other universities because we have everything. Brand new systems will support learning and everything is state-of-the-art. We do not need to bolt anything on because we are the cutting edge of learning and technology."

The university's commitment to information technology and ties with local business are second to none and this is good news to students worried about employment prospects.

The business community has been in on the project from the start. Back in 1990 the local branch of the Confederation of British Industry called for the establishment of a university in Lincoln to act as a manager for industry and to stop the brain drain of bright Lincolnians to other universities towns.

Business leaders set up a project company and finally, in the early spring of 1995, they came to an agreement with the University of Humberside.

Deborah Hirst, 18, from Huddersfield, is thrilled that she will be one of the first students at the new university. Deborah decided to accept Lincoln's offer of a place on their international tourism course after visiting the city in March.

She will be staying in one of the seven halls of residence that look more like holiday villas than student accommodation. She says: "It's really exciting. The location is brilliant. I haven't been on to the campus but I could see it being built."

"They showed us videos and pamphlets and it looked amazing. It's very important to me to have good study areas with lots of light and Lincoln has that."

"I also want to continue studying information technology and that is the central focus of the university. It's very modern. It really appeals to me to make a new start at a new university."

International tourism is one of a wide choice of degree subjects which the university plans to expand over the next five years. In 1996 students can choose between criminology, health studies, humanities, international studies and management. Next year the law school opens and will be accompanied by a host of other options.

There are still undergraduate places available through clearing and the university is advertising widely to attract the right students.

CHRISTOPHER HADLEY

On the waterfront: the state-of-the-art Lincoln University, overlooking a marina

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Richard Cork on the breathtaking array of Oriental treasures now assembled at the British Museum

Secrets of the tomb cast new light on Ancient China



Drumbeat of a lost civilisation: the vitality of this 19th painted ceramic figure typifies the show

But even less is known about the bronzes, gold fragments, jades and elephant tusks discovered in two large pits at Sanxingdui in 1986. The outstanding quality of this hoard startled archaeologists. Nothing like them had been unearthed by the Chinese before and no direct reference to the peoples who produced them, between 1200 and 1000 BC, has survived.

Out of the blue, the existence of a highly sophisticated culture was revealed, forcing historians to revise all their ideas about China's civilisation at that time. It was an enthralling discovery, made unforgettable above all by the tall, commanding bronze of a priest-like figure with outsize hands. Illustrated and discussed in *The Times* arts pages yesterday, this hieratic man presides with absolute authority over the room devoted to Sanxingdui treasures. But other discoveries in the same pits are scarcely less remarkable. Take the hallucinatory bronze mask, its mouth widened in a mirthless grin. Just as its wing-like ears suggest superhuman hearing, so the aggressively bulging pupils of its eyes seem to possess telescopic vision. As for the scroll-shaped projection coiling up from the mask's nose, it rises in the air like a fantastic, extended antenna. Here is a creature apparently dedicated to surveillance, its grotesque features conveying a gruesome warning to anyone who strays within its sights.

Buried for so many centuries in the sealed tombs of monarchs and nobles, the treasures of ancient China are emerging to astonish, delight and transform our ideas about the sustained richness of its culture. Spectacular discoveries have been made during the past two decades, including revelations about a previously unguessed-at civilisation which flourished more than 3,000 years ago. Now an extraordinary selection of objects, often miraculously well-preserved, has been brought to London for an exhibition which opens at the British Museum on Friday. It offers an experience powerful enough to enchant us all.

The excitement of looking at these marvels, dating from as far back as 5000 BC, is bound up with the wonder of their survival. If the Chinese had not believed so passionately in the spirit world and the after-life, they would never have ensured that their tombs carried such resplendent cargoes. The wealth of refined bronzes, jades and ceramics installed there testifies to the importance of their faith in life beyond death.

Like the Ancient Egyptians, Chinese kings and potentates believed in furnishing their mausoleums with everything the corpse might need on its journey to the hereafter. But they went further than the Egyptians, who often contented themselves with models. Chinese grandees insisted for a long time on taking real statues, vessels and ornaments with them — hence the overwhelming array of exquisite artefacts on display here.

This mask, along with a hawk-like bronze bird with a vicious beak, shows Chinese art at its most pugnacious. But once we move away from the sinister mysteries of Sanxingdui, gentler moods assert themselves. An impressive ivory vessel from the late Shang period has a handle carved in the shape of a bird strikingly similar to the hawk-like bronze predator. This time, though, both vessel and handle are enlivened by incised lines and delightful decorations of turquoise inlay, giving the object a festive feeling.

Displayed near by is a rectangular cauldron from the same period, found in pieces on a scrapheap in Hunan province and featuring large, plump human faces on all four sides. Gazing out of bordered festooned with small claws and horns, they resemble moons or suns and exude a fleshy benevolence.

As we go deeper into the era dominated by the great dynasties, so the diversity becomes ever more surprising and delightful. At one extreme a lacquered wooden box, decorated with scenes of music and dance, is carved in the shape of a beguilingly naturalistic duck. Since it was found in the coffin of a woman buried near the Marquis Yi of Zeng, the box probably served as a luxurious cosmetics container.

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When we arrive at the sumptuous jade suit which once sheathed the lifeless body of Prince Liu Sheng, mortality becomes more real — but only for an instant. The shimmering jade plaques give the suit a sumptuous air and even the jade body-plugs look more like toys than seals for the prince's bodily orifices.

The final part of this magical show, devoted to Imperial China and terminating in the 2nd century AD, is the most diverse of all. A foreign servant, possibly a slave from South-East Asia, acts as a lamp-bearer as he swings from three chains attached to a domed bronze disc. The lamp oil could be poured into the figure through a flap in the back, making this airborne sprite admirably practical as well. But Chinese art could be earthy, too: the ceramic farm-

er holding a spade and shovel of mourning are detectable in any of China's mausoleum images.

In the end, though, the most consistent thread binding the incredible variety of this exhibition together is its limitless energy. Near the exit, a painted ceramic figure of a squalling entertainer proves irresistible. Beating the drum cradled under a hefty arm, he thrusts out his right leg with a surge of gleeful vitality and grins with impish zest. And we, despite feeling dazed by so many of the many revelations in this spell-binding show, find his rush of merriment impossible to resist.

Myseries of Ancient China, sponsored by The Times, opens at the British Museum on Friday and continues to Jan 5. Admission £5; bookings 0171-420 0000

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Richard Cork continues his daily series on Chinese artefacts with a discussion of a sculpture of a head discovered at Sanxingdui

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YOU had assumed that every photographer with a portfolio of long-unseen, totally forgotten photographs of Brando and Mitchum had emerged from hiding? Not a bit of it. Up has popped Ronny Jaques at the Special Photographers Gallery. Apparently this was out of the blue: one day a spruce, elderly Canadian walked into the gallery and offered to show his pictures. It emerged that Jaques began his career in Toronto in the Thirties, his studio specialising in theatrical portraits. In the Forties he photographed a lot of jazz greats, and in 1945 became a regular contributor to *Harper's Bazaar*.

Four years later he switched to *Town and Country*, where he stayed for 15 years. As a result, he was assigned to photograph Brando before *Streetcar* had even opened, and stalk fellow photographer Weegee while Weegee was stalking the unit making *Naked City*. Familiar people are usually seen in unfamiliar situations: Bette Davis, for instance, walks her dog by the New York docks.

Special Photographers Gallery, 21 Kensington Park Road, W11 (0171-221 3489) Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 11am-5pm, until Sept 14

THE Wapping Group of Artists is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary and, greatly daring, is doing so in the West End. The subject is almost exclusively the Thames: the styles mostly conservative, though not necessarily any the worse for that. Here and there a touch of real individuality appears among the followers of the classic English watercolour tradition.

WHAT is it about plastic that makes its essence so hard to catch? Is it true, as the devisers of the show called Plastic suggest, that plastic is always felt to be experienced at one remove, as though standing in for something else? If so, that may well be the very quality that the mostly young artists involved find congenial.

Certainly the most striking works are completely impersonal. Jemima Stehli's *Strawberry and Mint*, for instance, looks like twin ready-made plastic hampers with their plastic contents in, of course, elegant shades of mint and strawberry respectively. But they are not. As the immaculate handwork might tell us, these are an existent design scrupulously reproduced by hand in the required colours.

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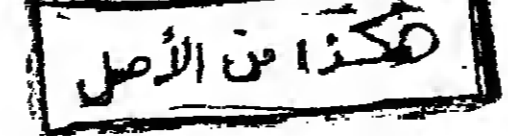
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Perverse little parliament

Gary Slapper questions the role of the jury in a changing world

Rarely does perversity cause people to change in the streets. But this is what occurred one day this summer outside Liverpool Crown Court.

The jubilation came after a jury acquitted Lotta Kronlid, Joanna Wilson and Andrea Needham of inflicting £1.5 million worth of criminal damage on a British Aerospace Hawk jet, despite clear evidence that they had done so. They, and a fourth woman, Angela Zelter, were also acquitted of conspiring to damage the jet. While incredulity, dismay and panic ran through the corridors of the Government and British Aerospace (BAe), supporters of the defendants' Christian peace campaign group celebrated with jigs in the street.

After the verdict, Michael Jack, the Treasury Minister and MP for Fylde, sought urgent talks between the Home Office and the Attorney General, observing that "the ramifications of the case are... very important in terms of future security, jobs and the question of being able to do damage and getting away with it". Though its form was legalistic, the nature of the women's defence was political, and the jury verdict can be added to a vivid chronicle of cases where "jury equity" has prevailed over a more mechanistic application of the law.

Is trial by jury a desirable and quintessentially British institution or an expensive and dispensable anachronism which, after six centuries of evolution, cannot effectively adapt to modern times? In his book *Trial by Jury* (1966) Lord Devlin hailed the jury as a very important bulwark against autocratic government, "for no tyrant could afford to leave a subject's freedom in the hands of 12 of his countrymen". The institution was, he claimed, "the lamp that shows that freedom lives".

Conversely, some academic writers such as Penny Darbyshire have argued that the jury is not really randomly selected, so that even when it does warrant such a label, it is not representative of the population. And, Dr Darbyshire argues, the extent to which juries have convicted people who subsequently proved to have been not guilty shows that the institution does not merit the eulogies it often receives.

When a range of cases during any given period is examined, there is undoubtedly an unpredictability about those that will result in a defiant jury verdict. The three women who admitted break-



Media celebrities, free, after damaging a Hawk jet: Andrea Needham, left, Lotta Kronlid, Angela Zelter and Joanna Wilson

ing into a BAe plant near Preston, Lancashire, and using hammers to damage a Hawk ZH955, argued that the women had left a video film in the Hawk's cockpit, explaining their actions. It included footage of the Dili massacre in 1991, when Indonesian troops shot 291 civilians. The Indonesian Government had given assurances that the Hawks would not be used against the East Timorese, and the British Government said that an export licence had been granted be-

cause the Indonesians have since killed about a third of the population. The women had left a video film in the Hawk's cockpit, explaining their actions. It included footage of the Dili massacre in 1991, when Indonesian troops shot 291 civilians. The Indonesian Government had given assurances that the Hawks would not be used against the East Timorese, and the British Government said that an export licence had been granted be-

sticks and wheelchairs. Sex was said to have been paid for with money or even Luncheon Vouchers. Several police officers collected evidence about the parties by attending them under assumed identities. The detailed and often lurid evidence they gave in court was the source of some hilarity in the public gallery and the trial judge stated in his summing-up to the jury that the case was "a criminal trial, not a form of entertainment". The jury acquitted Ms Payne in the teeth of all the evidence.

In a grimmer context, the jury verdict in the case of Stephen Owen is similarly open to question. Mr Owen's 12-year-old son was run down and killed by a lorry driver who, it transpired, had never taken a driving test, had a long criminal record for drink-driving and violence and was blind in one eye.

He was reputed not to have shown any remorse for killing the boy. The driver was convicted of a driving offence and, having been released from an 18-month sentence after 12 months, promptly returned to driving his lorry unlawfully. In outrage and grief, and having met with no response from letters to all sorts of authorities, Mr Owen got a shotgun and shot the lorry driver, injuring him. He was prosecuted in 1992 for a variety of offences, including attempted murder, but, in the face of all the evidence against him, was acquitted by the jury.

Cases that can be seen as illustrating an "heroic" jury risk of being sold. The commission says: "Museum collections remain vulnerable to damaging and often shortsighted decisions by the members of governing bodies into whose hands they have been placed."

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Genocide is a crime under English law by virtue of the Genocide Act 1969, which covers killing members of national, ethnic, racial or religious group with intent to destroy that group wholly or partly.

The peace activists, members of the organisation Ploughshare, pointed out that the Hawk was due to be sold, as one of a consignment of 24, to the Indonesian Government. They contended that the jet would be used against the civilian population of East Timor as part of a genocidal attack on the people of that island. The former Portuguese colony was forcibly annexed by Indonesia in 1975, and Amnesty International esti-

cause the Indonesian assurances had been accepted. Lord Devlin stated in 1966 that "each jury is a little Parliament". If that is so, the Government was given a serious jolt by the microcosmic House of Commons at Liverpool.

Other instances of "perverse" albeit understandable verdicts include the case of Cynthia Payne, who in 1987 was found not guilty of charges, under the Sexual Offences Act 1956, of controlling prostitutes. It was alleged that Ms Payne organised sex parties in a suburban house in south London for gain. Some of the alleged clients were senior police officers, ex-squadron leaders, and senior citizens who used walking

DIY lawyers can be fools unto themselves

The recent Old Bailey rape trial in which the defendant represented himself, and cross-examined the victim for six days, demonstrates the problems posed for the legal system by litigants in person. There is a strong case for compelling defendants in some criminal trials to be represented by a lawyer, in their own interests, as well as in the interests of others.

Judges who have to deal with people who represent themselves in court typically experience the kind of frustration expressed by the Supreme Court of New South Wales in a 1975 judgment. The litigant in person had "spent some time reading to the court disconnected statements as to the law from a series of cards, some of which had no significant relationship to the issues in the proceedings".

The judgment in this Australian case added that "indications from individual members of the court that these readings were of no assistance in determining the appeal appeared to have no effect upon his manner of conducting the proceedings".

It is far from easy for a judge to restrain the verbosity of a litigant in person. Indeed, attempts to do so may prolong the delay. The possible problems are illustrated in a judgment by Lord Justice Woolf for the Court of Appeal in 1987, dismissing an appeal against conviction for burglary. Lord Justice Woolf commented that the manner in which the defendant had represented himself had "caused intense difficulty for the very experienced trial judge and grossly prolonged the proceedings".

The prosecutor made his opening speech in less than ten minutes, and the witnesses for the prosecution gave their evidence in chief for little more than one hour. However, the antics of the defendant resulted in the trial extending over 38 days.

It is unlikely that the House of Lords today would show the same patience as their predecessors did in 1869 when listening to a litigant in person argue her case for 23 days. In his judgment, Lord Chancellor Hatherley referred to her argument as having been "conducted with the greatest possible ability during the first three or four days of the discussion when all, I think, was said that fairly could be said upon the subject".

However, the problems remain of how to promote efficiency and fairness when a litigant argues a case in person, in a civil or criminal court.

In English law, defendants in a criminal trial have the right to represent themselves. The Court of Criminal Appeal held in 1943 that "no person charged with a criminal offence can have counsel forced upon him against his will", and so allowed an appeal

because of the "injustice" to a defendant whose objections to being represented by counsel had been overruled by an assistant recorder. The same conclusion was reached by the Supreme Court of Canada in 1948, and by the United States Supreme Court in 1975 (by six votes to three). But the reasoning in these cases is unconvincing.

It is in the interests of defendants in criminal trials to require that they be represented by counsel. In the US Supreme Court, Justice Blackmun's dissent pointed out that "if there is any truth to the old proverb that 'one who is his own lawyer has a fool for a client', the court by its opinion today now bestows a constitutional right on one to make a fool of himself". Society would not allow people to carry out delicate brain surgery on themselves. There is no reason why they should be allowed to conduct criminal trials on their own behalf.

Even if there were some argument from the perspective of the defendant for allowing self-representation, the interests of the individual are greatly outweighed by the interests of the witnesses, and society, that a criminal trial be conducted efficiently and competently, so that guilty persons are convicted and the innocent acquitted.

As Peter Duffy, a barrister specialising in European human rights law, pointed out in the correspondence columns of this newspaper on August 29, the European Court of Human Rights addressed this issue in 1992. In *Crossan v Germany*, the court noted that German law allowed the State to require a defendant to be represented by counsel, and that such a provision "finds parallels in the legislation of other contracting states". The court concluded that such statutory provisions "cannot be deemed incompatible with" the European Convention on Human Rights. The wishes of the defendant are certainly a relevant factor. But they may be overridden by the State where this is necessary in the interests of justice.

Strong arguments can be made in favour of amending the law to confer on the trial judge a power to require a defendant in criminal proceedings to accept legal aid for the purposes of being defended by counsel, where the interests of justice so require, having regard to the nature of the alleged offence, and the complexity of the issues.

A defendant facing an allegation of rape should not be cross-examining his alleged victim.

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In vitro case to resume

A COURT battle to prevent a frozen human embryo being destroyed is due to resume on Friday.

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ALERT, a network of 24 solicitors' firms, secured a three-week emergency restraining order on the eve of the deadline at the beginning of August.

Graham Ross, the head of ALERT, says: "Our case concerns the interpretation of a wording in the regulations as it relates to 'consent'. There will be other cases in which people may have a legitimate complaint to the effect that either they or the donor were not located in time owing to lack of adequate steps being taken by the clinic."

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Court praised

THE magistrates' court at Redbridge, London, has borrowed an idea from the entertainment world in an effort to improve its service. It has designated one of its court clerks as a front-of-house officer to ensure that everything runs smoothly outside the courtroom. The initiative has certainly impressed HM Magistrates' Courts Service

Inspectorate, which has just issued a report on Redbridge and singles out the initiative for praise.

"Overall," it adds, "the treatment of court users was found to be courteous and helpful," although it criticises the courts for having a slow case turnover.

Art sales worry

CHARITY, company and trust lawyers are being encouraged to respond to a consultation paper drawn up by the Museums and Galleries Commission on the legal status of museum collections in the United Kingdom.

The document is the commission's response to the sale of works of art from museums or other public collections in order to raise money.

The commission has noted a "worrying" increase in such sales and suggests various ways of securing greater legal protection for works of art at

risk of being sold. The commission says: "Museum collections remain vulnerable to damaging and often shortsighted decisions by the members of governing bodies into whose hands they have been placed."

Shy lawyers

AS THE English Bar reviews its cab-rank rule, perhaps it should consider events in Belgium. Marc Dubruux, a suspect in the horrific kidnapping and murder of children there, cannot find a lawyer prepared to defend him. Belgian lawyers can refuse for "personal reasons".

Georges Carle, a partner at the Brussels law firm De Caluwe & Dieryck, says: "It is probably better for the client if a lawyer declines to act in these circumstances. They would not do a good job."

There is, however, a suspicion that some lawyers have backed off because they fear future clients will boycott them. If no one volunteers, the Belgian Bar's president will have to appoint a lawyer.

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Young criminals: new ways forward

Paula Davies reports on schemes to help to rehabilitate children in trouble with the law — and they are working

Young courts are dealing with many more violent offenders than did the old juvenile courts. Though cases of murder perpetrated by youngsters are rare, carrying a knife "for protection" is now almost commonplace among adolescents. Some have even taken weapons to court.

This week a conference will be held in London to launch *Children Who Kill*, whose publication has been urged by the British Juvenile and Family Courts Society.

The Government's answer to the problem is to lock the youngsters up. The first Bout Camp has just opened and the recent White Paper — *Protecting the Public* — reflects the Home Secretary's continuing belief in the deterrent effect of prison.

What is fascinating, meanwhile, is what is going on at the grass roots of this country, where the police officer is returning to being a keeper of the peace in the community rather than solely an enforcer of the law.

The two-year experiment in Hartlepool, where the police are on the streets preventing antisocial behaviour, has led to a big drop in crime figures for the town. Community policing is also the idea behind the latest treatment of young offenders that the Thames Valley force has just started. Along with a pioneering victim compensation scheme in Hackney, east London, these developments could herald a more positive way of preventing crime and dealing with young criminals.

More than 60 members of police forces have now completed a course in the Thames Valley. Terry O'Connell from New South Wales has been teaching them the value of what are called Restorative Cautions and Interventions, which involve not only the offender and his family, but also the victims. "What we have to do," he said, "is to change the formal justice system in a way that better reflects the needs of victims, offenders and their respective communities."

Giving examples of the Australian experiments, he claims that, within the

local community, police were able to negotiate a diversionary model of dealing with offenders and their victims in which the local people were prepared to participate. The Restorative version concentrates on the harm that has resulted from the offence rather than the fact that the offence is against the law.

It was John Braithwaite, an Australian criminologist, who argued that the most effective form of social control is to confront a wrongdoer by involving people who are important in his life, which can shame him into acceptable behaviour. The victims' feelings are brought into the discussion, along with those of the offender's close relations.

Of course, I can hear the scoffing at such woolly, liberal ideas. Yet the experiment started in 1991 — has been remarkably successful. An evaluation of the first two years showed a 50 per cent reduction in the number of cases before the court and a 95 per cent compliance by offenders with agreements on behaviour. Participation by victims has, like their degree of satisfaction, been high. They apparently want not so much monetary compensation as a proper apology.

One of the most imaginative schemes for victim compensation has been set up in Hackney. Here Stephen Richards, head of the Intermediate Treatment and Bail Support Scheme, started a system whereby persistent young offenders do work experience that will also compensate their victims.

It has been running effectively for 18 months and provides work at £2 an hour. The maximum allowed is £12 a day, of which £6 goes to the victim, either through a Compensation Order or the local Victim Support organisation. All the work is done for the local authority or charities willing to employ the young offenders.

The 16 and 17-year-olds I met were decorating a flat for community use and all, not surprisingly, were happy to be there rather than in custody. "At least," said a boy of 16, "it teaches us something useful." Having been sentenced to two months' youth custody, he was sent on the course by the Court

'Not all victims and offenders are suitable for contact'



These young offenders are working to compensate their victims

of Appeal, which obviously thought it a valuable alternative to custody. He has paid compensation to his victim and is "actually learning a trade", which should help him.

Lack of education is also being remedied. Mr Richards has obtained funding for a teacher to set up a programme to assess the offenders' needs and to give support and encouragement to help them to move back into education.

Unlike the police scheme, there is no contact with victims. Mr Richards believes that provided there is recompense for them, this is enough. "Not all

victims and not all offenders are suitable for actual contact," he says. "And we don't allow the offenders to work on anybody's home, either — for obvious reasons — and the same goes for cars."

It is too early to monitor reoffending rates, but attendances are higher than for other projects and breach procedures are lower than for programmes run without a compensation element.

Straws in the wind? Many people may think so. Yet these schemes could be the bricks to build a better system of justice for everyone.

Cases when children kill inevitably attract media attention. This can easily create the false impression that the number of such cases is rapidly rising. But what are the facts? In the 15 years from 1979 to 1994, 210 young people aged under 17 in England and Wales were convicted of murder and 220 of manslaughter.

More than half of these killings were committed by 17-year-olds. Few involved children under 14: eight of them were convicted of murder and four of manslaughter.

The figures fluctuate from year to year. In the first five years covered by the figures, the yearly number of homicides by those under 18 averaged 29; in the most recent five-year period, 1990-94, it was 25.

Many contributory factors can produce the types of disturbance that lead children to kill. These include physical abuse; sexual abuse; exposure to repetitive or extreme violence, including witnessing such violence; parental mental disturbance; parental rejection; neurological abnormalities; drug abuse and, in some cases, mental illness. The combination of factors differs in each individual case. Though homicides by children are relatively rare, these conditions, unhappily, are not. Many other children may therefore be potentially capable of killing. The conjunction of such factors with other circumstances (such as the friendship of two young people with complementary disturbed personalities or in adolescence the escalation of behaviour through gang participation) can result in homicides that would not otherwise have taken place.

Procedures for dealing with juvenile killers differ markedly throughout Europe. In Britain, the age of criminal responsibility is unusually low by European standards: in England and Wales it is ten, and children accused of murder or manslaughter are

Paul Cavadino asks why Britain is so tough on its juvenile killers

tried and sentenced by the Crown Court. In the Bulger case, most foreign commentators were amazed that two 11-year-olds should be dealt with by an adult-style criminal trial. Many observers questioned whether such young children could comprehend the complexities of a long criminal trial, whether they should have appeared in the full glare of media coverage and whether it was right for the boys' names to be reported after conviction, with the diffi-

ment will have to alter the system for making release decisions, removing the Home Secretary from the process.

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In most European countries, under-14s who commit offences do not appear before the criminal courts. They are dealt with by family courts concerned with the need for compulsory measures of care. In France the age of criminal responsibility is 13. In Germany, Austria and Italy it is 14, in the Scandinavian countries 15, in Spain and Portugal 16 and in Belgium 18. In Eastern Europe, it ranges between 14 and 16. Only France and Holland have indeterminate sentences for convicted juveniles; in both countries judges regularly review such sentences.

Other European systems are not without blemish. But at a European conference organised by the British Juvenile and Family Courts Society, other countries' delegates regarded our system for dealing with children who kill as extreme.

It fails to meet the needs of disturbed juveniles, fails to meet the requirements of natural justice and fails society by hampering the provision of treatment that can help these young people to overcome their violent tendencies. Its replacement with an approach geared to the needs of seriously disturbed children is overdue.

HELPING THE YOUNGSTERS

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culities this would pose for their rehabilitation.

Other European practitioners are also startled by our system whereby juveniles found guilty of murder receive mandatory sentences of detention during Her Majesty's pleasure and by ministerial involvement in the sentencing process. At the beginning of the sentence the Home Secretary sets a minimum "tariff" period. (In the Bulger case, the Home Secretary notoriously set a 15-year tariff, although the trial judge and the Lord Chief Justice had recommended eight and ten years respectively.)

At the end of the tariff period, the Parole Board considers the case and can recommend release to the Home Secretary, who is not currently bound to accept the recommendation. Since the European Court of Human Rights' recent *Hussain* and *Singh* judgments the Govern-

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Experience of structuring Emerging Markets Funds would be an advantage but of prime importance is the ability to demonstrate:

- A strong legal background gained either within practice, investment banking or funds management
- A proven track record in managing transactions with teams of professionals
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Sir Frederick Crawford has recently been approved as Chairman of the Commission, and it is expected that the remainder of the Board will be identified through the autumn. The current need is to appoint people to a number of management, professional and support roles in time for the Commission to begin its work within the next few months.



LEGAL ADVISERS

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You will provide advice to the Chairman, Board Members and Caseworkers on all legal matters of relevance to the Commission's work. This will include matters related to cases under investigation; the implications of judgements likely to influence case handling; the handling of judicial review proceedings, and management issues - specifically in the context of employment and contract law.

You must be a Solicitor or Barrister with extensive knowledge and experience of criminal law and, ideally, some knowledge of administrative and employment law. Ref: C2978.

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A serving or newly retired police officer of at least Superintendent rank, you will advise on the selection of investigating officers; help to set their detailed working remit, and assist the Commission to build good working relationships with police services throughout the country.

If a serving officer, you will be appointed on secondment under central service terms. If retired, your salary will reflect the extent and quality of relevant experience you are able to offer. Ref: C2979.

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You will consider representations from convicted persons or their representatives and decide, on the basis of objective evidence, whether their allegation or complaint merits investigation. Subsequently, you will consider the reports of investigating officers and take decisions on cases where responsibility has been delegated. In other cases you will advise and brief the Chairman and Board Members, recommending the action to be taken. In the senior roles, you will manage and develop less experienced team members.

Although a legal background is not necessary, you must be of graduate calibre with an interest in legal issues, specifically those related to the administration of the criminal justice system. Experience in the management of complex casework would be particularly relevant but, whatever your background, you will need excellent analytical skills coupled with the ability to take a methodical, rigorous and objective approach to your work, even when under pressure. It is anticipated that there will be considerable use of modern information technology. Interest in and familiarity with IT will be important in these appointments. Ref: C2973.

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These roles call for broad-based management experience, either in HR or financial management, but with some appreciation of both. A relevant professional qualification and/or knowledge of government accounting would be a distinct advantage, particularly for the Head of Unit post. Ref: C2977.

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These appointments will be made on the basis of a three year contract with the possibility of subsequent renewal. Your starting salary, within the range shown, will depend on your qualifications and the extent and quality of relevant experience you are able to offer. For further details and an application form (to be returned by 26th September 1996), please telephone Recruitment & Assessment Services on Basingstoke (01256) 468551 (24 hours) or fax 01256 846478. Please quote appropriate reference number.

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Sound of different gun brings joy to city

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT IN SARAJEVO

THE sound of gunfire could be heard repeatedly here yesterday, but it was the starter's pistol, not the sniper's rifle, that was audible across the way from the Kosevo Stadium, near the graveyard where thousands of victims of the siege of Sarajevo are buried. The first international sports event since the restoration of peace brought joy and excitement to this city where, for nearly four years, fear and misery had been the dominant emotions. Only a small army of athletes agreed to fly in for 24 hours, amid tight security, to support this joint project by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), but they were sufficient in number, just, to make an occasion of it. "We are very grateful to all who have come," Jasminka Kalmar, a young mother among the 50,000 spectators, said. "It reminds us that the world wants to help us." Some 80 athletes covered 15 events, with only three competitors in the hammer, three in the pole vault. But the presence of five Olympic champions from Atlanta at least offered a measure of quality. Many stayed away. Michael Johnson among them, concerned for their safety, although guarantees were given by Ior, the peace force here. More than £1 million has been spent by the IOC and IAAF on rebuilding the stadium, complete with new Mondo track and giant screen, although it looked incongruous in a setting of such devastation. Next door is the destroyed Zetra sports hall, in which Thrall and Dean won Olympic gold in 1984. The Kosevo changing rooms were used as a hospital overspill operating theatre during the war. Four high-rise blocks, their windows blown out, towered over the track, a vantage point for security guards. The stadium was full to overflowing. "If we had 500,000 places they would all be occupied," Mufid Memija, the local organising secretary, said. "I felt, if my coming could help in any way, I wanted to be part of it." Torrance Zellner, one of only three United States athletes here, said, "There was no question in my mind of any danger." There was in the mind of Dalton Grant, one of only three Britons. "I was scared to come," Grant admitted. "But I thought I had to try to help the people smile." John Mayoock, a Yorkshireman, had no intention of missing the chance. "I am an adventurous guy," Mayoock, who won the 2,000 metres yesterday, said. Once here, he spurned the official tour and was his own guide, taking Grant with him. He walked into the remote parts of the city yesterday morning to find people living in bombed-out buildings which, he said, seemed to be in danger of collapsing. "I saw one young guy about my age walking down a hill in a tracksuit and his leg was twisted, like it was a broken leg and nobody had fixed it. I was thinking he was one of the lucky ones," Mayoock said. "On one path I found a few bullets. I picked them up and thought of keeping them, but put them back because I thought they might have gone through somebody." Helmut Digel, an IAAF council member, admitted that the issuing of invitations to athletes had been left too late, but said that those who had not come had made a mistake. "They are missing one of the most important experiences in athletics, a chance to give 50,000 spectators a feeling of solidarity," Digel said. A local artist gave every athlete a copy of his work to mark the visit and Charles Austin, the Olympic high jump champion, will hang his with pride at home. "The memory of this is always going to be with me," he said. "It will be a different memory from winning in Atlanta, but just as important."



Carlos Remy, of Leicestershire, narrowly avoids being run out by Chris Scott, the Durham wicketkeeper

Second prize for Leicestershire

By IVO TENNANT

LEICESTER (Leicestershire won Test; Leicestershire beat Durham by 46 runs)

FOR four successive years, Leicestershire have taken part in the final of the Bain Hogg Trophy, the second XI limited-overs competition. They have won three of these, including this victory over Durham yesterday, which was more straightforward than it might appear. Their success, though, has owed as much to the expertise of seasoned performers as to youthful talent. The likes of Parsons and Wells, as well as Robinson and Dakin, who were playing yesterday, have appeared often enough in this competition down the years. As for Durham, for whom Robin Weston made 78 off 132 balls, their presence can only be good for the game, although they need to achieve something other than contesting the finals of this and the Northern Electric Trophy. What was encouraging was that six members of this side grew up in the county. "There has been a tendency

Lloyd likely to accept job offer

By SIMON WILDE

LORDS will be a busy place today. Following the lengthy deliberations of the selectors last night, there will be the announcement of two England touring parties at 10.30 this morning, and A.C. Smith, the Test and County Cricket Board's (TCCB) chief executive, is also expected to meet David Lloyd to discuss the terms of the England coach's new contract.

Lloyd, who was taken on trial at the start of the season on secondment from Lancashire, was asked recently by the TCCB to remain with the national team until 1998, but the usual negotiations about his salary have had to wait, arousing speculation that he might turn his back on the job. Lloyd reportedly turned down the board's original offer during the Texaco Trophy matches with Pakistan and is expecting a substantially revised one when he meets Smith. "I told David that I would not be able to talk to him until after the NatWest Trophy final, and I expect to do that tomorrow," Smith said yesterday. "We will sit down and discuss the matter and I have no doubt that it will be all sorted out." "We were waiting for the Afield report [into the future management of the England team] to be accepted by the board before we could move on it. I am sure it will be just like talking to any other employee and I have no doubt that David Lloyd will remain as England coach."

There is no doubt that the TCCB wants Lloyd, or that Lloyd wants the England job, and it is hard to imagine that the two-year deal will not be signed. Lloyd's bargaining power has not been enhanced, however, by developments at Lancashire, where the club is pushing on with appointing a long-term replacement as chief coach. Graham Gooch turned down an offer last month, since when preliminary talks have opened with Dennis Lillee. Lancashire will begin the defence of their NatWest Trophy against Berkshire at Old Trafford when next year's competition gets under way in June. Lancashire, who added the NatWest Trophy to the Benson and Hedges Cup by beating Essex in the final at Lords on Saturday, have not been beaten at home at the knockout stage of any one-day competition since 1987. They face a trip to either Sussex or Shropshire on July 9 should they, as expected, triumph in the first round on June 24. Essex open their campaign away to Buckinghamshire, with a possibly tricky second round tie at home to Worcestershire or Holland should they progress. Cardigan Connor, the Hampshire fast bowler, will undergo surgery next week on a knee injury which has ruled him out of action for the rest of the season. Connor, 35, who has taken 49 wickets this season, has missed the last four championship matches. NatWest Trophy: First-round draw: Buckinghamshire v Essex; Middlesex v Warwickshire or Holland; Cambridgeshire v Hampshire or Glamorgan; Northamptonshire v Durham or Nottinghamshire; Somerset v Herefordshire; Devon or Leicestershire v Lancashire; Glamorgan v Bedfordshire; Sussex v Shropshire; Gloucestershire v Scotland or Ireland; Lancashire or Derbyshire v Worcestershire or Holland; Leicestershire v Derbyshire; Yorkshire v Kent. (Ties to be played Tuesday, June 24.) Second round: Buckinghamshire v Essex v Worcestershire or Holland; Cambridgeshire v Hampshire or Glamorgan; Northamptonshire v Durham or Nottinghamshire; Devon or Leicestershire v Lancashire; Somerset v Herefordshire; Glamorgan v Bedfordshire; Sussex v Shropshire; Gloucestershire v Scotland or Ireland; Lancashire or Derbyshire v Worcestershire or Holland; Leicestershire v Derbyshire; Yorkshire v Kent. (Ties to be played Wednesday, July 9.)

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE. BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT. David Kendrick and Tony Sower, of Great Britain, finished one place out of the money in the Cavendish Pairs tournament in New York in May. This was one of their brighter moments: Dealer West Game all IMPs. A hand diagram showing a bridge deal with cards and suits.

KEENE on CHESS. BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT. Speelman's success. After two of the Professional Chess Association speed chess grand prix tournaments, Jon Speelman, the London grandmaster, is well placed in the overall standings. A chessboard diagram showing a game position.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS. Teley Bitter Trophy Yorkshire v Durham. BOWLING: 100-0-41-0, Campbell 2-0-13-4; Walker 10-31-35-2; Belling 11-42-42-1; Thomas 11-57-2; Beaven 10-50-4; Hughes 10-4-0. Minor Counties Championship final Devon v Norfolk. Devon: First innings 259 for 5 (N R Gaywood 134). Norfolk: First innings 185 for 7.

The majority of the East-Wests were allowed to buy the hand at the five or six-level. Two pairs played in Six Hearts took the double finesse in clubs, and notched up 1860. Jim Mahaffey's decision to start with a three-level pre-empt backedfired when his side sold out to Five Spades. Although his subsequent Five Hearts implied the spade void (the second action by a pre-empter being unusual), it was hard for Soloway to envisage such extreme distribution. Kendrick ruffed the heart lead and laid down the ace of spades, getting the bad news; then he played the ace of diamonds and got the good news. From there on in, it was all plain sailing. He cashed the queen of diamonds and ruffed a diamond, then crossed-ruffed hearts and diamonds. Eventually, he led the fifth diamond from dummy and Soloway was helpless; he ruffed low, and was overruffed and then employed with the king of trumps. In the three-card end, he was reduced to only clubs, and had to lead the suit. This held declarer's losers to one club trick and one spade trick for +650.

White: Jon Speelman. Black: Vladimir Kramnik. Credit Suisse Grand Prix Geneva, 1996. King's Indian Attack. 1 Nc3 d5 2 g3 Bg4 3 Bg2 Ne7 4 d4 e6 5 0-0 Ngf6 6 Nbd2 Be7 7 Ra1 0-0 8 e4 Nd5 9 dxc5 Nxc5 10 h3 Bf5 11 dxc5 Nxc5 12 a3 c6 13 c2 Rc7 14 Nf1 a5 15 Ne3 Nb6 16 Ng4 Ncd7 17 Bf4 Qc4 18 Qc4 Nc4 19 Nf5 Ndc5 20 Nbd5 Nd6 21 c4 Bg6 22 c1 Rc8 23 Rac1 Bf8 24 b4 sb4 25 sb4 Nxc4

WORD-WATCHING. By Philip Howard. PRIMERO a. A senior bullfighter b. The first-born c. A card game. QUINOA a. A woman's straw hat b. What do you mean? c. A plant. RHABDOMANCY a. Authority by birth b. Perseverance c. Prophecy by a wand. Answers on page 50.

WINNING MOVE. By Raymond Keene. White to play. This position is from the game Sampouw - Silahahi, Indonesia 1971. White's queen and rook are threatened and he is a pawn down. However, Black also has a serious weakness in his position which White now exploited. How did the game continue? Solution on page 50.

TENNIS

Sapsford's labours finally bear fruit

By ALIX RAMSAY

THE Bournemouth International may be a new tournament - the first men's clay-court event in the country - but it is nice to see that it is holding the old traditions dear. By mid-afternoon yesterday, all the British players bar one had left town. Only Luke Milligan was left kicking his heels at the West Hants Tennis Club and that was because he was still waiting to play his first match. But the news was not as grim as it seemed. Greg Rusedski had nipped back to London to have a back injury treated before his first-round match today, while Danny Sapsford raced off the centre court, having beaten Ignacio Guillen from Spain, to discuss another net cord allowed for that his wife, Yuki, had gone in to labour. Regardless of the 6-3, 6-4 win, he headed back to Surrey, making it by the skin of his teeth, arriving 55 minutes before his daughter, Hayley, arrived. It had been an eventful day for Sapsford. Serving for the match at 5-2, he lost his first match point on a net cord, while the second vanished when Sapsford's supposed winner was overruled and called out by the umpire. Another net cord allowed Truylot to edge ahead and break back, but just when it appeared that Sapsford's chances had evaporated, he dug in and, after more than an hour, notched up his first clay-court victory in five months. Such patience will serve him well as a tennis-playing father. For Martin Lee, it was less memorable. The day began with Lee's demotion in the junior rankings - he is now No 2 in the world - and ended with a first-round defeat by Guillermo Perez-Roldan, of Argentina, 6-3, 6-2. Bournemouth, though, is only his second senior tournament at this level. "This is a very big jump," he said. "In the juniors you are just trying to get your game right for the seniors." Colin Beacher failed to do that - he lost 6-3, 6-2 to Patrik Fredriksson, of Sweden.

COMPANY GOLF DAYS RESULTS. The four top scores in the individual Scotland competition played on the company golf days from June 1995 to August 1996. Mees Pierson. Table with columns: Date, Company name, Venue, Score. Includes entries for Lee & Priestley Solicitors, Vedotrom Corporation, Keddy Services Limited, etc.

FOOTBALL

Germans to pose another test of Arsenal's resolve

By Brian Glanville

HAVING drawn against Aston Villa on Saturday, Arsenal manager Arsène Wenger...

match-winning goalkeeper, who strained a hamstring playing for England in Moldova...

Already on £1 million a season, Effenberg wants still more money, a percentage of Borussia's ancillary rights...

Little faces real test of Villa's quality

By Russell Kempson

BRIAN LITTLE'S quiet manner belies an inner strength which, since he became manager of Aston Villa...

Malcolm Beard, Villa's chief scout, watched them beat Umeå FC 4-0 at the weekend and has advised Little to be wary...

Borussia wanted him back, but he refused them. The blond Pole, Juszkowski, bought from Olympiakos Piraeus...

The Continent is the only place to be for clubs harbouring hopes of great things and if Villa are to prove they are genuine contenders...

Little will have won 20 of their 41 European matches, drawing nine and losing 12. On their last excursion in the Uefa Cup...

Other foreigners available are the strikers, Jürgen Pettersson, from Sweden, and Max Hübbers, from Holland...



O'Halloran takes charge of washing the Barry Town kit - even though she is now the chairman of the club

Barry plan toast to absent friends

More than just pounds and pride Barry Town's manager will be looking to have run into the Uefa Cup...



On the Welsh club's Uefa Cup adventure

He died early a year ago, on September 30, and not the least part of Barry's motivation against the giants of the Scottish premier division...

touch was rewarded for guiding Barry to an unbeaten run of 41 games, and the league title by a 17-point margin...

Whether Barry will be looking as smart by the end of the biggest game in the club's history is a different matter...

They also have another black day from which to draw strength: April 27, the day Matthew Holtam, their talented young full back...

He was everybody's mate, Barnett said. "He was always lively, taking the mickey, telling jokes, and he was playing the best football of his career for us...

Recent results in the Bundesliga, on the other hand, portray Hamburg as a team prone to conceding goals...

FOR THE RECORD

Table with multiple columns listing sports results: ATHLETICS, BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, CRICKET, GOLF, POOLS FORECAST, EQUESTRIANISM, FOOTBALL, ICE HOCKEY, MOTOR RACING, REAL TENNIS, RUGBY LEAGUE, SNOOKER, SPEEDWAY, TENNIS, US Open Championships.

Carnival is over for resolute Keegan

By David Maddock

NEWCASTLE United's tactics in Europe under Kevin Keegan have thus far been of the Light Brigade variety...

Keegan, wiser now, admits it was an adventure then, an entertaining sideshow to the main event of establishing his club among England's elite...

Keegan, burdened with the necessity of having to produce some tangible benefit for the 560 million-plus he has spent on strengthening his team...

Keegan, though, feels there is one significant factor that could be harnessed to produce the expected outcome against Halmstad...

Di Canio has basic function to perform for Celtic

By Kevin McCarrra

DESPITE its reputation for taciturn gloom, Scotland has proved to be a place of liberation for foreign players...

After all, Milan have already demonstrated the necessity of pragmatism, as a foil for talent in European football...

Burns recognises that an element of prudence will have to be added, even if it constrains slightly the thrillingly instinctive attacking produced on Saturday...

Any foolhardiness would be all the more exasperating because this is a team that does possess skill enough to carry them far in the Uefa Cup...

Table titled 'TODAY'S FIXTURES' listing various sports events and their scheduled times.

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Barry's benefactor prepares for club's grand day out

SPORT

State of US game open to doubt in spite of Sampras's win



Heavy defeat hastens dismissal

Leeds run out of patience with Wilkinson

By PETER BALL

LEEDS United found the 4-0 home defeat by their great rivals, Manchester United, on Saturday too humiliating to swallow, and Howard Wilkinson has paid the penalty. He was dismissed yesterday morning after eight years as manager. "I'm very disappointed, very sad and obviously very shocked," an emotional Wilkinson said at a hastily-convened press conference.

"There aren't many clubs in a situation like ours who put up the vacant sign," he said. Bill Fotherby, the club's new chairman and former managing director, was not convinced, however. "I felt we weren't going in the direction we should be going in," he said. "We have to have success and we haven't been having it."

At the end of the day, it's all about supporters, Robin Lauder, the club's new chief executive, said. "You need the supporters to be supportive of the manager."



Wilkinson, who said he was sad and shocked at the decision, contemplates the end of his eight-year reign as Leeds United manager yesterday

Board games claim another victim

Rob Hughes

Let us be quite clear about the sacking of Howard Wilkinson. It was not the vociferous noise of a section of Elland Road supporters that was the main reason for his removal yesterday, but the impatience of the group of businessmen on the board of the Caspian Group, who took over the club after protracted legal wranglings this summer.



On the end of an era at Elland Road

Deane, were pretty much insurmountable. If only it were that temporary. If only the eight weeks of boardroom uncertainty during which the club sold their captain, Gary McAllister, and could not sign replacements, were the sum total of the lost momentum for the club. Like the Caspian Sea, it has far more depth than that.

down last April, Wilkinson probably should have gone. Wilkinson, having rejected the FA's offer to school the next generation of English youth as director of coaching, having been denied by Silver the opportunity to listen to Arsenal's offer to replace George Graham, and having dismissed a millionaire's salary to work with Galatasaray in Turkey, had dug himself in for the eighth year of his ten-year building programme at Elland Road.

often did, baffle us all with the science of his briefings, and I do not doubt that he sometimes had the same effect in the dressing-room. He will not be short of offers, this builder of clubs rather than charismatic claimer of titles. The irony, of course, is that Graham, a friend whom Wilkinson sought to defend after the Arsenal "bung" affair, might already have been approached for Wilkinson's job. If he needs words of consolation this morning, those that Howard Wilkinson himself offered to John Beck, before he departed from Cambridge United, come to mind: "Noli illegitimi carborundum."

As every football man knows, that is the cod Latin for: "Don't let the bastards grind you down."

THE WILKINSON YEARS

- 1988: Wilkinson succeeds Billy Bremner as manager in October.
- 1989-90: Shores Leeds to the second division championship. In his first full season with the club.
- 1991-92: Becomes the last manager to win the old first division championship (right) in his second year in the top flight with the club as Leeds overcome a flagging Manchester United team on the run-in.
- 1992-93: After the rise, the fall. Leeds finish seventeenth in the Premier League and go out in the second round of the European Cup.
- 1993-94: Fifth place in the Premiership this season and the next does not satisfy the expectations of the fans. Silverware continues to elude them.
- 1995-96: Leeds slump to thirteenth in the Premiership and throw away their chance of coronation with an abject display in a 0-1 Coca-Cola Cup final defeat by Aston Villa.
- 1998: Leeds board loses patience after 4-0 home defeat by Manchester United.



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- A peer (4)
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Five nations united for ten years

By David Hands
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

RUGBY union laid its argument over the five nations' championship to rest officially in Dublin yesterday. The gentlemen's agreements, which governed the sport during its amateur days, have been replaced with a legal document that will keep the unions of England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and France together for at least ten years.

England's contract with BSkyB, the satellite broadcasting company part-owned by News International, owners of *The Times*, remains in place. That provides for two five nations' matches, two games against southern-hemisphere countries and one further international to be shown live from Twickenham and, after a delay, on terrestrial television.



"The Rugby World Cup every four years complements what we have and I don't think anyone needs to look for more. There could be too much international rugby and, once you take the gloss and excitement of the rarity value away, the public could soon become uninterested."

England bring so much to the five nations — they are the country everybody wants to beat. To be honest, Wales, Ireland and Scotland need England more than they need us."



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Robert Runcie — Day Three: Humphrey Carpenter on the unconventional married life



Robert and Rosalind Runcie at their wedding in 1957

Robert Runcie's wife, Lindy, is tough-minded and outspoken. She reacted, initially, with horror to her husband's appointment as Archbishop of Canterbury and later became the subject of attacks by the press



The picture of Rosalind Runcie in a full-length evening dress lying on top of a Bechstein grand piano, that was published in *Sunday* magazine with the words: "The lady loves to play"

The offer that sent Lindy into the garden with a bottle of gin

Rosalind, otherwise known as Lindy, is not in the conventional mould of archbishops' wives. She is a tough-minded lady who is not afraid to express her own views — even if this means opposing her husband. In 1974, when Donald Coggan went from York to Canterbury, Runcie was tipped to succeed him. "Yes, we went up to York," he admitted to me. Lindy explained: "I said no."

Runcie began to tell the story in full: "We went up to York, and we had fish pie, and Evensong in the Minster, rather badly sung, and a night at the Railway Hotel. I was keen on York. I thought it would be a return to the North, a New World. But Lindy was in tears at breakfast."

"It was a terrible house," she explained. "Robert had been offered it, and we went on holiday the next day, and I was still crying. One of Robert's staff said, 'If God calls you, it's your duty.' And I said, 'I don't think God is calling.'"

"And our daughter, Rebecca? She was 12 years old, we'd just got things established for her, and it would have meant her boarding, or me driving every day to a girls' school miles away. Ugh. Horrible!" How did Runcie feel about Lindy's resistance to York? "Quite a lot of me wanted to go, but I felt that it wouldn't work. I mean, I did care for my wife."

"I said I wouldn't go," repeated Lindy. "We went on holiday, and I hid in the garden where we were staying, and drank gin! Weeping to myself. And George [Bishop of Guildford] wrote and said, 'You mustn't betray his God.' And I said, 'Well, if that's his God, I don't want Him!'"

What was their first reaction in 1979 when the Downing Street letter came, offering Canterbury? "Horror!" answered Lindy. "I took Runcie a very long time to make up my mind whether to accept the archbishopric."

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"Well, it's quite a lot to take," said Lindy. "And everybody said, 'Lambeth's dreadful, but you'll love Canterbury.' And it was the other way round."



Rosalind on the cover of *Sunday* magazine

Had she seen the archbishopric of Canterbury coming up on the horizon? "No." But surely by the end of the 1970s it was looking pretty likely? "But don't forget I had dished him before, over York."

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that has led to a 'degree of domestic crisis' — and an 'explosion of welcome' for the Pope



A marriage that made the headlines. "You realise how lonely Lindy must very often have been," says Runcie.

meant to be a serious article, and somebody else got hold of it. I don't know how. But how did the photographer persuade her to lie on the piano? "He was a friend — I wouldn't have done it otherwise — and it was going to be a serious thing about my life." How did she come to know him? "He was a journalist here, in St Albans. It was meant to be very serious." Runcie made a sceptical face at this.

I asked if there had been a gossipy, slightly bitchy atmosphere at Lambeth, Lindy alleged that two people in particular were determined to have us both out on the street. And my lawyer said, "They're not really going for you, they're going for Robert," which made me feel worse.

Eventually, she sued the Daily Star. "I wanted an open apology, and damages to a charity of my own choice, and my legal expenses paid. And then of course came more filth, because they tried to stop me by frightening me." By printing more of it? "Yes. Twenty Things You Didn't Know About Rosalind Runcie. Drinking in the kitchen — 'Uddly as a newt'. And lifting my skirt above my head to show the shocked maids my suntan." (Runcie laughed at the idea that they had had maids.) "And my language would shock a stevedore. And I love men. I surround myself with men, young men, and rich men. And going to gay sleazy nightclubs with my homosexual friends.

"You've got a lot of homosexual friends," remarked Runcie, in response to this. "Of course I've got a lot of homosexual friends. Why shouldn't I?"

"Much to your credit," Runcie agreed, slightly sarcastically. "How much did the charity get when she won the case? Well, it went up to eight thousand five hundred, and we wouldn't settle. Because the apology was going to say 'She may have suffered embarrassment', and I said, 'Not may, did'. And it went up to ten thousand pounds. There's an extremely nice statue in Lambeth Palace garden, a mother and a child. That's what the Star paid for." She wanted a statue rather than an actual charity? "That was my charity, the Lambeth Palace garden.



Close harmony: the Runcie family gather round the piano

Because I was raising money for it, at that time, and it's open for charity."

I said that my eye had been caught by the remark by somebody unnamed: "I expect they will soldier on, but at one stage there was a bit of a crisis. But I think they've learnt to cope with the idea of leading separate lives." Lindy began to make guesses as to who had said this. I asked if the reference to "a bit of a crisis" might have had some basis in truth (Runcie himself had used similar words to me).

"I was extremely unhappy at Lambeth at first," answered Lindy. "They were rewriting it for three and a half years. The dirt and everything else was dreadful. I did actually run away at the beginning.

Because we were living in this tiny little flat — our flat wasn't ready. So I went and stayed with a woman friend who lives in Hereford Square." How long was she away? "Oh, about a week. I came back, but I thought, 'I want to get away from this. Do you blame me?' But this could have been remembered by certain people, and interpreted as her walking out on Robert? "Yes, perhaps."

I reminded Runcie that he had talked of "having a degree of domestic crisis" when he was being offered the archbishopric. What did this mean?

Lindy (interrupting): "I didn't want to go on. I loved being at St Albans. And I just thought, 'Why should I bother

with all this? Because I would not go to York. And I said to Robert, 'If you really want to go to Lambeth, I will go with you'. But you know I don't." Carpenter (to Runcie): "Why did you consider this to be something that you shouldn't tell me on Lindy's behalf?"

Runcie: "I think that there was, for the first time, and the last time, really, a degree of Lindy having buddies who were closer to her than I was. Because she needed support for herself, as somebody who was reluctant to come."

Carpenter: "You felt she was crying on other people's shoulders?" Runcie: "That's right. In retrospect, you realise how lonely Lindy must very often have been. After all, there weren't too many people to whom she could talk when I was busy. I think that made for a degree of estrangement. Here's me thinking that this is the greatest decision of my life; and here's somebody lamenting the loss of piano pupils. That's the sort of scale of the thing."

I asked whether, looking back now over the Lambeth years, it was worth it in the end? Lindy admitted: "It seems like a sort of fairy-story now. We met wonderful people and we had lots and lots of lovely dinner parties; people asked us to marvellous things. I thought the moment we left there, they would never speak to us again. But a lot of them still ask us out, and that's rather nice." Runcie added: "We're going to have lunch with the Queen Mum. And I've just been invited to John Birt's Christmas drinks."

Lindy was indignant. "You've been invited and not me again?" Edited extracts from Robert Runcie: The Reluctant Archbishop, by Humphrey Carpenter, published next month by Hodder and Stoughton, £20. ©1996 Humphrey Carpenter

No Pope had ever been to Britain. In July 1980, two months after Robert Runcie and John Paul II had met in Accra, Runcie went to see Lord Carrington, the Foreign Secretary, to discuss the possibility of a papal visit. Carrington accepted that a visit was "likely to happen in due course", but "saw no advantage in attempting to hurry" it.

The original plan was for the Anglicans and the Roman Catholics to issue a joint formal invitation to the Pope, but before this had been drawn up, Basil Hume, Hume's successor as Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster, and Derek Worlock, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Liverpool, happened to be having a meeting with the Pope at Castel Gandolfo on August 23, 1980. During this, "rather on the spur of the moment", Hume asked the Pope if it might be possible for him to come to England. The Pope accepted on the spot.

I suggested to Runcie that one benefit of all the high-level contacts preceding the papal visit was that people from both Churches got to know each other — particularly himself and Basil Hume. "Yes. And the Pope, eventually, though I think he is quite difficult to get to know personally. One of the problems is that so much is done for him by his Secretary of State..."

So what impressions does he give? "I think that he's a man of genuine devotion... He's a very attractive human being. He's had to struggle with his own masculinity. I mean, he must have had many people fall for him. And I think that he has the discipline of the priest, and yet the warmth of the good host, and a person who understands human beings well enough. But he is a hardliner — oo women in the ministry, and on contraception — because he thinks the pace is being set too much by a gospel of self-fulfilment..."

Once the Pope's visit to Britain was confirmed, Runcie began to consult bishops as to what might be made of the event. David Sheppard, the left-wing Bishop of Liverpool, wrote to Runcie that he had a "dream" that "you and the Pope together might do two or three great public meetings."

Hugh Montefiore wrote to Runcie that the Pope's visit put him in "something of a dilemma". On the one hand he wanted to "foster true ecumenism" and welcome "the world's foremost Christian leader". On the other hand, "I feel that I cannot just simply dance attendance on the Pope... Also, I would feel a certain revulsion at finding myself present at a papal allocution in which there was wholesale condemnation of abortion, contraception, remarriage, or the marriage of the clergy."

Runcie reassured him — "I have a great deal of sympathy with what you say" — and agreed that, on the matter of the Pope's conservative views, "the omens are not too good". The visit dates were fixed for Friday, May 28, to Wednesday June 2, 1982. Henry Chadwick, Regius Professor of

He left me to do all the blessing

THE POPE'S VISIT



The Pope "is difficult to get to know"

Divinity at Cambridge, would go to Rome to discuss directly with the Pope — who had recently escaped an assassination attempt — the nature of the service to be held at Canterbury. Chadwick had "a difficult week beset by very high tension".

The Holy Father frankly confessed to me that he could not at present imagine what kind of unity we could have with one another which would not entail some kind of surrender of principle by the Roman Catholic Church... And yet personal contact at the right kind of level is obviously extraordinarily congenial to them. We may irritate Rome, but we also fascinate Rome."

Chadwick added: "The most remarkable revelation of my visit was the evident pressure being put on the Pope by conservative English Roman Catholics to cancel the visit to Canterbury (as mixed bathing with heretics and schismatics)... Top Cardinals in the Curia... feared that there might be some unscripted confrontation, humiliating the Pope. My assurance that the

Archbishop of Canterbury wanted everything agreed in advance reassured them, and the opposition died."

Chadwick had spoken to the Pope of Protestant objections to his visit. In April 1981, Enoch Powell had written to Runcie, saying he hoped the visit would not compromise "the royal supremacy and the authority of Parliament". A letter from the Church of England Evangelical Council expressed fears that "the Roman Catholic diplomatic and propaganda machine" would attempt to make "capital" out of the visit. The Free Church of Scotland observed that "the claims of the See of Rome are incompatible with the history of the early church".

On March 11, 1982, Runcie was on a visit to Liverpool when Protestant demonstrators took up shouts of "Judas" and "traitor".

The demonstration had the opposite effect from that intended, causing most evangelicals in the Church of England, and members of the free churches, to dissociate themselves from such extremism. But while sectarian objections to the visit died down, it began to come under threat from the Falklands War.

Argentina invaded the Falkland Islands on April 2, 1982, and a British task force sailed for the South Atlantic within a few days.

The fact that Britain was in military conflict with a Catholic country, Argentina, led the Vatican to state (by May 23, 1982) that the papal visit would have to be cancelled unless there was a ceasefire... The British Government now offered to withdraw from official participation in the visit, and the Vatican agreed that it could go ahead.

The Pope landed at Gatwick on Friday, May 28, went to London for Mass at Westminster Cathedral and a private meeting with the Queen, and the next morning flew by helicopter to Canterbury for the cathedral service.

"The papal visit was totally surrounded by the Falklands," Runcie told me. "and it was difficult to put my mind to it. But I can remember driving into Canterbury, and the Pope comparing it to Cracow... he was taking it all in, and I remember that when he processed into the cathedral he didn't bless anyone in the crowd — he expected me to do all the blessing. One of the most moving moments of my life was entering the cathedral, and the enormous explosion of welcome and praise which drowned the choir. And I remember how good he was at lunch — and how evasive I was of his val, getting him everything, his comb and that sort of thing."

"The Pope was quite good with the ecumenical leaders. And what was interesting was that the Quakers and the Protestants were amazingly deferential, and the man who was really pugacious was the representative of the Episcopal Church of Scotland, the Bishop of Edinburgh. He asked the Pope some very direct questions about where he intended to take the Church. That could have got something going, had we had more time."



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Why I can't do business with Blair

Lord Hanson says the boardroom has much to fear from new Labour

The Labour Party is doing its utmost to convince voters that it really is new; that it has abandoned its debilitating envy of success and subsidising of inefficiency. Tony Blair, we are assured, has no intention of soaking the rich. His recent proposals for business and industry have been presented as tax-reducing and non-interventionist. Well... let's take a look.

Despite new gloss, old Labour is alive and kicking, even in the Shadow Cabinet. Clare Short has been demoted for saying that anyone earning as much as an MP should pay more tax, but Michael Meacher, newly promoted as "green" spokesman, says he is ready to consider imposing higher taxes on the "rich", although it is difficult to find out whom Labour includes in that category. Mr Meacher also wants employee involvement in company decision-making, including pay differentials.

and a raft of "voluntary" codes of conduct to govern the operation of companies. Heaven forbid. This would mean mountains of paperwork and bureaucratic administration. The only beneficiaries would be lawyers and accountants. Does Labour really believe this will help business, including employees and shareholders — plus the almost forgotten consumer?

Labour's soul is tellingly revealed in two other elements of the manifesto. First, a "windfall tax" is to be imposed on privatised utilities: a retrospective tax on a successful policy which was underwritten by the original shareholders. Labour resents this success. Market confidence will be undermined in these industries, and probably others, which are already highly regulated and controlled. It will militate against consumer interests and the utilities' efficiency.

Last week's *New Opportunities for Business* justifies boardroom suspicion of new Labour. It reveals that Labour still stands for government regulation and is hostile to competition, all of which would be damaging to producers, employees and consumers.

While posing as a friend of small businesses, Labour plans to impose on them the social chapter and a minimum wage. This flies in the face of Britain's achievements on unemployment and productivity, which continue to be better than those of Germany, France or Italy, and would certainly destroy what the OECD recently termed our "economic environment conducive to job creation".

Secondly, the proceeds of the tax will be dumped into a "programme of employment" and training for 18 to 25-year-olds — training which would be unnecessary if local government had not tailored its educational establishments to its own political devices. This is old Labour with a vengeance. Instead of ensuring that the £38 billion we already spend on education is properly spent, Labour would take yet more cash from the productive sector of the economy.

Labour still prefers regulation to competition

Even without the social chapter and a minimum wage, it is hard for businesses to compete. But when small businesses encounter difficulties, Labour blames a scapegoat: the financial institutions, "which fail to understand their special needs". We have heard that calamity before. To deal with this supposed problem, Labour would develop "business incubators" (how do you fancy that, small businessmen?) and a "rescue culture" (shades of Harold Wilson?)

What do these phrases mean? They mean interfering with banks and other independent lenders, using taxpayers' money — your money — to shore up failing enterprises, as if unaccountable civil servants and local politicians would be more prudent than regulated institutions which are responsible to their shareholders.

Labour's effrontery on education is staggering. In the manifesto it talks about raising school standards as if this is something which has been outside its control. Labour and its supporters have for years consistently opposed the measures necessary to achieve this, even though the vast majority of state schools are run by Labour-dominated local authorities. No wonder Mr and Mrs Blair personally have opted for a better solution to their children's education.

Much the same might be said about Labour's proposed "regional development agencies". Intended to attract voters in Scotland, Wales and other regions, these will only increase local bureaucracy. What guarantee is there that these super-grants will not simply divert funds — your money — from productive enterprises, which loathe government interference, to unproductive ones which have not been able to convince investors of their viability?

In the vast townships where the failures are worst, Labour has been in control for decades. In last year's primary school maths tests, for example, Mr Blunkett's Sheffield came 97th out of 107 local authorities. How does that look to prospective business employers? Labour says it will reduce class sizes to improve literacy and numeracy, despite acknowledging that this will have a marginal effect at most. There is no mention of what would make a difference — phonics, basic arithmetic, disciplined whole class teaching — but this is hardly surprising, for it would challenge assumptions dear to the teacher unions, with which new Labour is still closely linked.

Indicative of Labour's true colours is its proposal on takeover bids. What it deems "hostile" bids, presumably those opposed by management, must be "in the public interest" (whatever that means) before a Labour government would allow them to proceed. The effect would be to reinforce managerial incompetence. And which business genius will decide the "public interest"? Or should we read "union interest" between the lines? Despite the manifesto's complaint about "over-regulation", we are promised a new Companies Act

New Opportunities for Business has been put forward as marking the change from old Labour to new. But traditional Labour hostility to privatisation and competition are still there, as is protection of producer interests and an unbridled desire to regulate and interfere.

Tony Blair and Gordon Brown want us to think of them as committed to financial rectitude and low taxation — hence the proposed tax rate of 10p. As the Institute for Fiscal Studies points out, this will cost £3-10 billion. Where from? And how will all the new quangos and subsidies be paid for? All will be revealed, we are told. Yes? As a somewhat cynical Yorkshireman, I have to say: "Show me, now, before we cast our votes." The manifesto does not encourage me one iota to place my bet on new Labour.

The author is the chairman of Hanson plc.



"DON'T YOU DARE TOUCH, DAD. YOU'VE NO RIGHT TO STRIKE..."

Canterbury's tales

Lord Runcie chose Humphrey Carpenter with a twinkle in his eye

In all the uproar surrounding Humphrey Carpenter's biography of Lord Runcie, the thundering about betrayal and tape-recorders and turbulent biographers who simply don't understand the innards of the Established Church, the one opinion nobody seems to have asked is God's. I am prepared to bet that God finds it hilarious.

He is, after all, well on the record as avoiding Pharisees and priests, and ecclesiastical buildings with cash-desks to spend his time with riff-raff: artisans and Samaritans and that dreadful Magdalen woman. He could hold his own with theoreticians in the temple as a boy, but as a preacher preferred to convey wisdom through the personal, the anecdotal, the entertaining: that rich man trying to manoeuvre his camel through the Needle's Eye gate, the idiot who buried his talents, the woman who loved much, the relatives who wept so sadly for Lazarus that he was excused being dead. He appreciated Martha's administrative bustle, but pointed out that Mary, who listened, had the better part. He would have got on well with Lord Runcie, and probably with Humphrey Carpenter too (although, being omniscient, he might have sabotaged the tape-recorder). As far as God is concerned, there seems to be no problem.

There are plenty of pained and dignified voices ready to speak of "lack of depth and substance" and "frothy journalism"; plenty of weasels like the venerable-throated Ven George Austin to take a swing at all the gentle liberalism that Robert Runcie stood for. It clearly would not do for the former Archbishop to take the platform with his Boswell and openly endorse every word of those fireside chats. Nonetheless, the twinkle has not gone from his eye: Lord Runcie is no dupe; he is an adult, a historian, a philosopher, a joker, a very sides with what Runcie calls "the language of the Prayer Book and yet embraces every kind of waffly feelgood spirituality as 'defender of faith'". The Prince of Wales's attitude to the Established Church is important, and the perspective of a former Canonar is very useful indeed to a nation which must make its mind up both about the heir and the Established Church.

Libby Purves

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The row about the Carpenter biography is not really about indiscretion: it is about attitude. Nor, I suspect, is the relationship between Lord Runcie and Humphrey Carpenter nearly so adversarial as some pretend. Read the subject's postscript in the book: "I have done my best to die before this book is published. It now seems possible that I may not succeed." Is that the phrasing of an outraged man, or just a twinklingly useful one? Lord Runcie then quotes "It is not justice I need, but Mercy... there is much that is just and more that is merciful in your story." There, he adds, a lot of "burbling" that he never imagined he would see in print; he criticises Carpenter for not having quite grasped what it was like to be Archbishop of Canterbury. But: "I shall try to keep my sense of humour and the perspective of eternity."

Of course Lord Runcie must publicly distance himself from it: the Pharisee Establishment expects no less. Archbishops of Canterbury, after all, are chaps with Gothic hats and the job of crowning

pinching modernisers in Berlin this evening where the local C of E church is threatened with closure. St George's was given to the British by the citizens of Berlin in 1945. Until 1991 it was used largely by the military and run by an army chaplain. Since the withdrawal of the Armed Forces and their financial support, however, it has struggled.

The local vicar, John Turner, stands accused of failing to put his back into the church's survival. Chief among his foes is Deborah Engler, resident in Berlin for 20 years. "Perhaps we're clinging to the old idea of the parish priest, but Turner doesn't give a damn."

The Anglican authorities regard Engler and her troops as a lunatic fringe. "Nothing has been decided," they say. "But the church is one of our most heavily subsidised, and the Lutherans are offering an ecumenical olive-branch by letting them have their services in their cathedral."

Everybody knows, and Lord Runcie must have known, that Carpenter is not your man for a safe biography of an Establishment pillar; he is not interested in institutions but in people. Not as a trivial gossip, but as an amused student of the quirky, fallible, subtle, endlessly fascinating weave of human personality. This is not popular with those of a more hagiographical

views around, out of context, during the royal divorce row. Plenty of writers would have. So I think we are free to read and enjoy what Lord Runcie said without guilt (and no, this has nothing to do with the fact that *The Times* is serialising it: I am quite capable of maintaining a sullen silence when I dislike what the paper does).

Runcie cuts refreshingly through obfuscation. Gay clerics may bridle at his remark that they make him nervous because "I've always been conscious that they might stab me in the back because I wasn't one of them". Yet it was high time somebody aired the fact that while there are many kindly, virtuous, unmalicious homosexuals in the Church of England, there is also a nest of bitchy, high-church high-camp vipers, emerging from particular theological colleges where they call one another "Gladys" and "Mabel" and even the lecturers say "come on, girls!" Something of this is uncovered, unflatteringly, in the book's good for it.

As for the Royal Family, the insights are pure gold. It is time that somebody expressed exasperation at the way the Prince of Wales

Equally perceptive is Lord Runcie's evocation of the strangely embarrassing quality of the Queen's shyness, the uncertainty that people feel in her presence, and yet also of her steadfastness in going out of her way to support her embattled Archbishop during the miners' strike. Not to mention the glorious images of Margaret Thatcher as Prime Minister being "like sitting next to electricity", and of "Willie Whiteclaw and my other friends" responding to anti-government sermons by saying mournfully: "You've got to remember it's all very difficult."

These are perhaps not supporting beams of history, but they are invaluable rags of authentic upholstery. We need them all the more because, unlike other rags from that era, from the likes of Alan Clark, they are given without malice. This is gossip underpinned by charity: stories that make events understandable. It is a humble, a human, a perfectly valid way for a man of God to communicate.

Foster a sky-high London

Anatole Kaletsky welcomes our tallest tower

Sir Norman Foster wants to build Europe's tallest building on the site of the Baltic Exchange in London. And why not? Because his plan will provoke howls of outrage. It will dominate the London skyline. It will overwhelm St Paul's Cathedral. It will be a monstrous carbuncle. It will destroy the medieval intimacy, or (take your pick) the Victorian splendour, of the City of London. It will add to the glut of City offices filled by flashy barrow-boys from Romford and will probably come onto the market at exactly the moment of the next economic slump.

All of these accusations may well be valid — although people who denounce the Foster plan on the architectural merits of the building itself might do well to take a closer look at what seems to be an imaginative and exciting design. But such accusations are completely beside the point.

The point is that a host of monstrous carbuncles already dominate London's shapeless skyline. The NatWest and Telecom Towers, Centre Point and the Barbican have long since broken the coherence and proportions of London's skyline, making it one of the ugliest cities in Europe to view from afar.

St Paul's is already overwhelmed, hemmed-in and insulted by hideous low-rise buildings — not least the recently-completed concrete bunker of Blackfriars Station, supposedly designed to reopen the famous view of the Cathedral from Fleet Street and Ludgate Hill.

As for the few remaining corners of medieval intimacy and Victorian splendour which have survived the greed of the developers and the insouciance of London's planners, these depend on how buildings look and function at street level, not on whether they rise 100 or 1,000ft into the air.

I am not an architect, a planner, a conservationist or any other kind of expert. But, having lived for the past 20 years alternately in London and New York, this much is evident even to me.

Don't get me wrong, I do not like skyscrapers in London, and I certainly do not prefer Modernism to warmer, more humane architectural styles. On the contrary, my architectural predilections, for what they are worth, are firmly on the side of the nostalgic traditionalists who follow the Prince of Wales: I believe passionately in preserving buildings from before the First World War, I curse British Telecom for trying to destroy the red Jubilee telephone boxes, and I dream of restoring Victorian lantern-style lamp-posts to the streets of London. Why then do I hope that Sir Norman Foster will build his Millennium Tower?

The negative argument is that London has not had a skyline worth preserving for 30 years, since the planners allowed the Hilton Hotel, the Knightsbridge Barracks and Centre Point. Since then, brutalist Modernism has ruined one area of central London after another, the most tragic examples being the area around St Paul's and government-sponsored concrete blocks in Victoria Street. After this destruction, the only hope of restoring some beauty to the streets of central London lies in the demolition of the 1960s monstrosities. And the only way to promote this demolition is to combine the rigorous preservation of pre-1914 buildings with the construction of bigger and better buildings which will tempt tenants away from the eyesores of the 1960s.

This is a process which, thankfully, has begun, largely because of a social change which has transformed the economics of large skyscrapers such as the Millennium Tower. Very large skyscrapers are in demand because of welcome changes in the social psychology of office work. People now work in huge open-plan spaces instead of private offices. Today's buildings are designed to accommodate and encourage social interaction, fluidity and an appearance of equality. These are considered so important that banks, insurance companies and other large employers are willing to pay far higher rents for buildings with large floor plans than for older, smaller buildings.

Finally, there is an aesthetic argument for more skyscrapers. Once the balance of a city's architecture has shifted so far against the past, the towering walls of enormous skyscrapers can actually enhance the intimacy of a carefully preserved older quarter — as it does, for example, in Wall Street, Broadway and Nassau Street in downtown New York. And clusters of ever-larger high-rise buildings, far from destroying views and obliterating individual buildings, can actually transform a city skyline into a sort of collective work of art. Who could deny that the views of Lower Manhattan from Brooklyn Bridge or the Holland Tunnel approach are among the wonders of the world? Or that the combined beauty of this man-made mountain is infinitely greater than the sum of its parts?

Gut reaction

DIANA, Princess of Wales, has reacted with dismay to Humphrey Carpenter's biography of Lord Runcie, as serialised in *The Times* this week.

she replied, in the same vernacular vein, tapping her midriff. The message, according to Runcie, was that the Princess had guts. Runcie too will need guts on his next encounter with Diana.

Hitherto, the Princess has regarded Lord Runcie as a close friend. But their relationship may well founder after Runcie's description of her as an actress and a schemer.

Stuffer members — the sort who tend to wear MCC colours even on holidays abroad in the hope of a glimmer of recognition — are appalled. "Very sad," harrumphed one. "It's a queue-barging opportunity for the nouveau riches. Too tacky for words."

During a small dinner at the weekend in London, the Princess said she had seen the biography. "She said that she was particularly upset, as she had always held him in the greatest esteem," explains a guest. "She had looked upon him as a supporter and personal friend ever since he officiated at the ill-fated wedding in 1981."

But the grandstand has to be paid for, say the officials. "The existing grandstand was financed in exactly the same way in the 1920s," says the club, "by the sale of life memberships. We're using exactly the same formula today as then."

Lord Runcie discloses in the biography that the Prince of Wales appeared to be depressed about the prospect of getting married. He also says that he knew of the relationship between the Prince and Camilla Parker Bowles before it became public. And he talks of a conversation he enjoyed with the Princess at a banquet. "How goes it?" he asked, in that demotic way that archbishops have these days.



● The Prince of Wales's friend the Earl of Shelburne is celebrating his first hole-in-one. The Earl managed the feat

on a course in Perthshire. Drinks all round.

Cash buyers

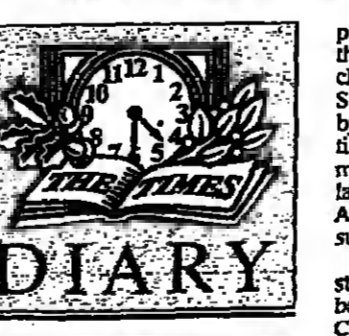
FOR the first time in more than 50 years, cash-rich cricket fans will have the chance to jump the 20-year queue to become members of Marylebone Cricket Club. The club is planning to offer 250 life memberships at £10,000 a piece to raise money for its new grandstand.

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Who benefits?

AS IAN BOTHAM appeals against the result of his libel case against Imran Khan, I have news of a financial blow to Botham's fellow court contestant, Allan Lamb.



the committee organising his testimonial year. The former England cricketer's benefit year in 1988 yielded more than £30,000, and a similar windfall would be expected this time round. "Charles has resigned because he has moved to South Africa. He no longer has the time. It's just that he is totally committed over there," says Lamb.

Indeed he is. He has legal wrangles of his own. He is planning to defend himself against claims that he wrecked the marriage of Cape Town businessman Don Collopy by having an affair with his wife, Chantal. Spencer first met Chantal at a party in 1994 thrown by... Allan Lamb.

Closed door

THE ANGLICAN Church's floral decorations will look barren with the opening of the new season.

pinching modernisers in Berlin this evening where the local C of E church is threatened with closure. St George's was given to the British by the citizens of Berlin in 1945. Until 1991 it was used largely by the military and run by an army chaplain. Since the withdrawal of the Armed Forces and their financial support, however, it has struggled.

Baton charge

THRUSTING up into music's firmament is Daniel Harding, 21, who will tomorrow night conduct the Berlin Philharmonic in its home town.

The protégé of Sir Simon Rattle, honcho at the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, Walsley,

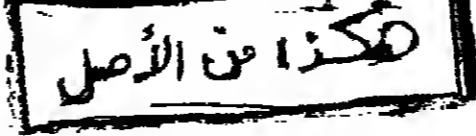


Harding precioso

was merely a guest, watching the orchestra rehearse when its conductor, Franz "Worse than most" Welser-Möst went down with throat trouble, which apparently makes conducting impossible.

From his place in the stalls, Britain's great baton hope was asked to stand in and must be the youngest ever to conduct the orchestra, once the feldom of the terrifying Herbert von Karajan, in a programme of Dvořák, Brahms and Berlioz.

P.H.S





PRINCE AND PRELATE

Charles can still govern the Church of England

The Prince of Wales is one of the very few people in Britain who is forced by the circumstances of his birth to hold a certain faith. A man with less introspective tendencies might find such a constraint no more than an inconvenience. But the Prince has a questing soul. So it is perhaps unsurprising to hear from Lord Runcie, former Archbishop of Canterbury, that the heir to the throne is "disenchanted" with the Church of England.

If, as we greatly hope, the Prince of Wales ascends the throne, he will become Defender of the Faith and Supreme Governor of the Church of England. It would help, says Lord Runcie, if he were to love the institution "a bit more". The Prince has been baptised and confirmed in the Church of England and is a regular communicant. He is passionate about church architecture, church music and the language of the Prayer Book. But he is clearly attracted by other religions too. In his interview with Jonathan Dimbleby, the Prince even posed the possibility that he might one day become "defender of faith" instead, an extended, multicultural version of his mother's current role.

It is hard to see how such a position could coexist with the continuing establishment of the Church of England. But disestablishment, if it ever happened, should be a matter for the Church, not the monarch. There are many reasons why disestablishment could bring bad consequences; such consequences would be worse, however, if the rift were precipitated by the Prince's "disenchantment" or his marital status.

None of us has a window onto the Prince's soul. But even supposing that his Anglican faith were somewhat less secure than that of his mother's, would that really threaten a loosening of the links between Church and State? The future Supreme Governor would still be a spiritual man who has done his best to support the Church's efforts to bring

holiness into human lives. The spiritual aspect of the Prince's character is beyond doubt. He has tried earnestly to open people's eyes to the existence of another dimension beyond the material. Since his teenage years, he has exhibited an intellectual curiosity bordering on restlessness about the meaning of life in general and religion in particular. The Prince of Wales seems to have unbundled the religion of his upbringing and tried to put it back together in a way that satisfies his quest for truth.

This preference for an *à la carte* faith is different from the *table d'hôte* of the generation before him. That is a measure of the more questioning, less deferential age in which he grew up. There are some who accept the conventional wisdom, and others who try to arrive at their own beliefs through contemplation, analysis and observation. The Prince of Wales is one of the latter, and his very curiosity about spirituality and the derivation of morality ought to make him just as interesting a head of the Church as an unquestioning Anglican who attends church merely through force of habit.

Many deeply committed Christians have agonised about their faith. The Prince of Wales is not alone in this. He is right to recognise that his future subjects number many of other religions, whose loyalty he should seek. But the Church of England will continue, for the foreseeable future, to have a special place in the life of the monarch.

So the heir to the throne has a duty to try to reconcile his doubts with the job that he will be required to do. He should seize on opportunities to show his commitment to the church whose titular leadership he will one day hold. Anglicanism is a broad church — some would say too broad. It can easily accommodate his beliefs. If he took the former Archbishop's advice, and learnt to love the Church a little more, his affection would be gladly returned.

BASE TROUBLE

The Okinawa rape could yet destroy a vital American alliance

The American servicemen who, a year ago this month, abducted and raped a young girl on Okinawa have been convicted and are serving their sentences. But in Japan, the Okinawa affair stubbornly refuses to go away. The unspoken accord underlying the vital US-Japan security relationship have been thrust into contention by this ugly case.

In April, President Clinton flew to Japan to offer both a formal apology for the crime and concessions to the Okinawans, who for years have complained that their small islands, which house 75 per cent of the US bases in Japan, have been made Tokyo's military "dumping ground". He also reminded the Japanese that if America yielded to popular pressure and pulled its forces out, the entire Asian region would face an arms race. Ryutaro Hashimoto, the Japanese Prime Minister, needs no persuading of this argument. But he has yet to convince his public.

Mr Clinton's offer to reduce the base areas in Okinawa by a fifth has so far solved nothing. Instead, Washington is caught in a confrontation between Okinawan separatists and the central Government in Tokyo. Okinawans grumble that they want more bases closed and a review of the agreements governing the status of US military personnel in Japan. On Sunday, a majority of them reinforced this message in a referendum.

Masahide Ota, the Governor of Okinawa, demands the total closure of the bases by 2015 and has meanwhile backed the thousands of Okinawan landlords who own tiny patches of the base areas and who are refusing to renew them when they expire next year. In theory, that could force the bases to close, although last month the Japanese Supreme Court rejected his claim that the American presence was an unconstitutional burden on the islands and

ruled that he must use his powers to renew the leases compulsorily. In addition, plans to move some US bases to the main Japanese archipelago have run into difficulty. The Japanese Defence Minister has been travelling the country's prefectures cap in hand, but none has so far agreed to accommodate the facilities that will have to be moved.

With Mr Ota so far ignoring the Supreme Court, the confrontation has split the governing coalition. A special session of the Diet this month is supposed to deal with the Okinawa issue before a planned US-Japanese meeting of defence and foreign ministers. But agreement is not assured. The Social Democratic Party has threatened to oppose the plans put forward by its Liberal Democrat partners. If Mr Hashimoto fails to strike a deal with Mr Ota when he meets the Okinawan Governor today, therefore, it could force the dissolution of parliament.

Since the Liberal Democrat Party is expected to gain at the expense of the Social Democrats, whose latent pacifism has been revived by the Okinawa affair, a snap election might be the best outcome. But for both Japan and America, there are risks in an "Okinawa election". The middle of an American presidential campaign is not the ideal time for Japanese to be debating the merits of a security treaty which, some Republicans argue, allows Asia's wealthiest nations to avoid providing its own defence. American critics of the US-Japan treaty have already noted that it was from Guam, not Okinawa, that US B52s took off for last week's Iraq mission. China, sensing its room, is whipping up a storm over the disputed Diaoyu-Senkaku islands. The Okinawa affair worries the Pentagon, and with reason; Asia is the last place it wants to see any weakening in an American alliance.

NOBEL HELL

Even Swedish literary judges deserve a break

The Swedes have found a new definition of hell. It is worse than all their previous attempts at infernal punishment — a week with Abba, a month of smorgasbord, a year of listening to after-dinner jokes about Volvos. Their new hell is to be a member of the committee of the Swedish Academy that judges the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Surely, you say, this should be a position full of honour and good reading? It seems not. A rule of 1901 requires at least 12 of the committee's 18 members to select the winner. But only 14 currently attend the committee's deliberations and more are threatening to drop out. The others have stopped turning up for reasons of literary pique, politics and loss of energy. One 92-year-old member says he feels tired and has nothing left to contribute. And, by a decree of King Gustav III who reigned from 1771-92, the academy is forbidden to recruit replacements. There is a serious risk that the academy will fail to obtain the quorum of 12 votes.

So like Tithonus, the Swedish academicians are tortured: their bifocals become thicker, their attention spans shorter, their tastes more frozen and every year they are forced to read new books. Like Sisyphus they roll a mountain of books up their annual hill, to find it rolling down again for another year. Then they are tormented by

controversial even than the Peace Prize. When its judges are not being ridiculed for their cabals (denying the prize to Graham Greene) they are prodded with red-hot poker for political correctness (rotating the prize by Buggins's turn). Sometimes they are roasted for obscurity; many of Nobel's literary laureates are less well read today even than Karl A. Gjellerup and Hendrik Pontoppidan. Sometimes they are boiled in oil for cowardice; two members of the committee have not attended its meetings since 1989, because they were not allowed to denounce Iran's fatwa on Salman Rushdie.

Judging any literary prize is a burden as well as a privilege. The responsibility is heavy and so is the workload, even for naturally constant readers. Few who have judged a literary prize would volunteer for a second year of reading, remembering and ranking books in a league table, being rewarded with a modest honorarium and then being abused in public for their pains. The Nobel Prize's rule that its judges cannot resign but can only be thrown out or die is cruel and unnatural punishment. The great healer will eventually heal the present crisis, though Swedish academicians are long-lived. But the academy should reconsider its infernal diktat forbidding resignations and replacements, at least until infallible and

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Lord Runcie's revelations and their repercussions

From the Bishop of St Germans

Sir, Choosing a biographer is clearly a dangerous thing to do. Robert Runcie, it seems, enjoyed talking with Humphrey Carpenter and did so at length over several years [Weekend extracts September 7; reports September 7, 9]. Yet, despite the largely affectionate portrait Carpenter has written, the former Archbishop is not content. It's not hard to see why.

A tape recorder was running during their lengthy conversations. Carpenter has used much of this, sometimes verbatim, whereas Runcie understood it was for background information and scene-setting. So, instead of a biography we have a lively journalistic character sketch.

The problem is that there is a great deal of archival material at Lambeth Palace that remains unread and unindexed, even though Carpenter had access to it. There's plenty of evidence against which to test the reminiscences of a retired archbishop and his acquaintances.

Impressions and fancies have taken the place of solid research. That's why there remains an official biography still to be written.

Yours faithfully,

G. GRAHAM ST GERMAN (Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury, 1987-93), 32 Falmouth Road, Truro, Cornwall, September 7.

From the Reverend Ray Simpson

Sir, I am not surprised if Prince Charles is "disenchanted" with the Church of England, on the basis of the remarks you quote from Lord Runcie. One example of the Prince's "incon-

sistent" views as reported by Lord Runcie, "that the Church should be creating centres of healing in the inner cities — ought to be bringing together the spiritual, the intellectual and the architectural", seems to me to be a brilliant description of the Church's purpose. It is, in fact, to this that I and many others have devoted our ministry.

Although in recent times the Church of England has drifted off course, there is now a grassroots movement that seeks to return it to its holy Celoc as much as to its "Civil Service" roots.

The Community of Aidan and Hil-da, of which I am a member, was set up in 1994 to seek "the healing of the land through men, women and children who draw inspiration from the Celoc saints". Its network of members throughout the country try to follow a simple way of life that cherishes creation and which remains true to the Catholic and biblical faith first brought to these lands by gentle, radiant Christians such as St Aidan.

A new cradling of spirituality is taking place which, in my view, may prove to be as significant as that first cradling of Christianity from Lindisfarne. Inconsistency — Lord Runcie's charge — is not one of its hallmarks.

Yours faithfully,

RAY SIMPSON, Lindisfarne Retreat, Marygate, Holy Island, Berwick-upon-Tweed, September 9.

From Mr Brian North Lee

Sir, The religious attitudes of the Prince of Wales, if Lord Runcie reads them aright (September 9), give pause for thought.

What do we ask principally of our probable future monarch? That he be a man of his time is essential, as is dedication and sensitivity to the nation's harmony and wellbeing.

In all these matters I have nothing but praise for the Prince. If he is less in love with the Church of England than desired, it is up to the Church to ponder the probable causes of a disenchantment many share.

No religious organisation has a monopoly of spiritual insight. The fact that people have turned additionally, and in genuine need, to wider and sometimes lay sources of inspiration can benefit churches and act as a caution to those which are too ready to sweep uncomfortable and unresolved matters under the carpet.

I'm much less concerned to see the Prince of Wales as a future Supreme Governor of the Church of England than to see him as a searcher after the truth, combining integrity with unblinkered concern and honest caring. He has not let us down in these at all, and we should be grateful for him.

Yours faithfully, BRIAN NORTH LEE, 32 Barrowgate Road, Chiswick, W4, September 9.

From Prebendary Rodney Schofield

Sir, Following Lord Runcie's revelations, it is now at all likely that any members of the Royal Family, or for that matter anyone in the public eye, will confide in an Anglican bishop ever again?

Yours faithfully, RODNEY SCHOFIELD, West Monkton Rectory, Taunton, Somerset, September 9.

Labour referendums

From the Shadow Home Secretary

Sir, The headline to your report of September 6, "Labour plans 13 referendums . . .", gave a wholly misleading impression of the effect on voters of our proposals for democratic change.

Three, not 13, is the maximum number of times any British voter could be invited to take part in a referendum during a four or five-year Parliament following the election of a Labour government.

1. There will be a devolution referendum in Scotland, Wales and in those English regions where clear demand for an elected assembly is evident.
2. There will be a UK-wide referendum on the best voting system for the Westminster Parliament.
3. On the single European currency, as our draft manifesto (*New Labour, New Life for Britain*) states, "if there is a decision to join, the consent of the people will be sought either in an election or through a referendum".

Yours sincerely, JACK STRAW, House of Commons, September 8.

Coastal hazards

From Mrs G. F. Graham

Sir, After the tragic deaths of the Loughlin children at Holme, Norfolk, (report, September 4) should not more efforts be made to make tourists aware of the particular hazards of the beaches they visit?

East Coast beaches are, on the whole, not gently sloping flat stretches of sand, but contain sandbanks and swatches (lower "moats" around the banks).

As the tide rises, water swirls into the swatches, very quickly cutting off anyone standing on the sandbanks. I've seen a family forced to wade through the swatch to safety, the parents carrying their children on their shoulders. Moreover, the sideways swirl of the water is fast and can easily tug a child off its feet.

On the Lincolnshire coast, some swatches contain very sticky mud which can make a child slip over. South and West Coasts pose other threats, such as steeply shelving beaches or the risk of being cut off by the tide in coves with sheer cliffs.

May I suggest that every seaside resort should erect prominent notices detailing local hazards for visitors to the area?

Yours faithfully, G. F. GRAHAM, 3 Royle Close, Orton Longueville, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, September 7.

Sit still vac?

From Mr Jeremy Posnansky, QC

Sir, Mr Simon Preston's colleague (letter, August 31), whose attempts to advertise a vacancy for a married couple to act as caretakers on his estate have been frustrated by a veto on the use of the words "man", "woman", "husband", "wife" or "married couple", might not offend the magazine's censor if his advertisement stated:

"Caretakers (2) wanted for country estate. Successful candidates must share a valid marriage certificate."

Yours faithfully,

Criticism of Crown Court judges

From Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC

Sir, When the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) was established in 1966 it became the policy of that court that, in any case where the conduct of the trial by a High Court judge was being criticised, the judgment of the court would invariably be delivered by the presiding judge — that is to say, either the Lord Chief Justice or a Lord Justice of Appeal.

Any other member of the court who was sitting on an appeal — one or other of the two High Court judges of the Queen's Bench Division — would frequently be invited by the presiding judge to deliver judgment where the court was criticising the handling of the trial by a circuit judge. The rationale of that policy was the desire to preserve the *amour-propre* of the judiciary at both levels of the hierarchy

within the criminal justice system. This sensible arrangement appears now to be in jeopardy, following the recent extension of the composition of the court by the addition of some senior circuit judges.

The latter have found themselves on occasion being invited, uncomfortably, to deliver judgments of the court which are critical of colleagues in the Crown Court.

Such an apparent departure from the previous policy can do nothing either to enhance the collegiality of the court or to promote a sound relationship between the court and the judges trying crime in the Crown Courts up and down the country.

Yours faithfully, LOUIS BLOM-COOPER, 2 Ripplevale Grove, NI, September 5.

Civil Service ethos

From Mr Peter Bottomley, MP for Eltham (Conservative)

Sir, Sir Donald Acheson (letter, September 5) properly praises the intellectual capacity and the unbiased advice of civil servants.

He is less completely right in referring to a practice of public derogation which he asserts was prevalent during the administration in which I served as a parliamentary private secretary and later as an assistant minister.

There is an unfortunate fashion for newspapers and broadcasters not to publish praise and recognition for the ethos and practice of the civil and public services. Here is an example. After Margaret Thatcher invited me in to say I would not be kept as a member of government, a national newspaper

asked me for an article on a subject of my choice. I suggested they would not be pleased but they told me to go ahead.

The title was "Broadcasting the truth about public service". I gave examples of the general high respect for the individuals and the system of the Civil Service, together with recognition of the exceptional qualities and breadth of public broadcasting. It was spiked.

Only once during my service did a minister try to refer to his estimate of the political sympathy of officials. I said it would not be necessary as it would not show in their work. It never did, for or against the then positions of any party.

Yours faithfully, PETER BOTTOMLEY, House of Commons, September 5.

Cancer treatment

From Dr Sidney B. Rosalki

Sir, I was sorry to read the negative remarks made by Mr Mike Fried of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund about the potential value of replacement therapy for cancer with the gene known as p53. "It looks interesting, but all the patients died" ("Bad gene corrected in cancer milestone", August 29).

Sadly, death from tumour growth is to be anticipated in all patients with advanced lung cancer. Any extension to their survival as the result of replacing this tumour-suppressor gene, if it can be achieved without exacerbating the disease, is therefore to be applauded.

Mr Fried says that for the treatment to have any value 100 per cent of cancerous cells would have to be replaced,

since otherwise any reduction in size of the tumour could only be temporary. But reducing tumour size enhances the possibility of successful tumour containment from the patient's own immunological response, from immunotherapy, or from chemotherapy, hopefully in lower and less toxic doses than might otherwise be required.

Successes and failures have punctuated conventional approaches to cancer therapy and will doubtless continue to do so with newer forms of treatment. Nevertheless, I believe these should be encouraged, and the potential of gene therapy not be so cursorily dismissed.

Yours faithfully, SIDNEY B. ROSALKI, Bewley House, 32 Jamestown Road, NW1, September 3.

From Mr T. Martin Clucas

Sir, Perhaps Mr Preston's colleague should try advertising for a multi-gender duo and, to underscore his ideal, add (matrimonially-linked). Given time, the conventional advertisement might become "Wanted: M-GD (m-l) caretakers".

Yours faithfully, T. MARTIN CLUCAS, Willoughby House, West Mersea, Essex.

From Mr Michael E. Jones

Sir, Two matrimonially-linked labour units, perhaps?

Yours faithfully,

Resting place for heart of the Bruce

From Mr Paul Davies

Sir, Must it be taken for granted that the embalmed heart of Robert the Bruce be reburied in Melrose Abbey (reports, August 30 and September 3)? Could not the Scottish king's dying wish that it be taken to the Holy Land be fulfilled at last?

Just outside the medieval walls of the old city of Jerusalem, on a little hill, stands the Church of St Andrew, built to commemorate the Scots who laid down their lives in Palestine during the First World War. In the floor of the apse is a plaque commemorating the Bruce's wish for his heart to be buried in Jerusalem. Would it not be appropriate if it were now interred there?

By the way, the kirk and adjoining hospice are surrounded by a beautiful, well-tended garden. In the shade of one of its trees is a number of small headstones, one of which bears the inscription "Bruce". Staff of the hospice hardly "have the heart" to point out that this commemorates a former warden's much-loved dog.

Yours faithfully, PAUL DAVIES (Volunteer at St Andrew's Hospice, 1986-7), 1 Holmesdale Road, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, September 4.

From Mr John Price

Sir, Historic Scotland's Inspector of Monuments, Doreen Grove, may be correct in suggesting that conventional X-radiography would be unsuitable in detecting hearts in sealed lead caskets ("Light falls on legend of Robert the Bruce", September 3), although the technique can be useful for thin lead artefacts. What would be more useful is neutron radiography which can penetrate metal and show up organic remains inside containers.

Details of the technique were published about six years ago in the international archaeological science journal, *Archaeometry*. Another piece of research on the subject, published elsewhere in the 1970s, showed that at least one copper alloy box from a collection of Egyptian artefacts given to Queen Victoria contained a mummified cat.

Neutron radiography allows both metal and organic material to be shown on the radiographic plate but does require a nuclear reactor. Perhaps Historic Scotland could liaise with government nuclear research facilities to establish what can be found inside sealed metal containers?

Although hearts in lead caskets are not unknown from archaeological excavations, what is not widely known is that there is a good network of several dozen X-ray machines under the control of archaeological conservators throughout the UK.

With the recent changes in treasure trove legislation and the suggestion from the Department of National Heritage that 400,000 artefacts are being found annually, one wonders whether improved arrangements could be made to allow a significant proportion to undergo radiographic examination.

This not only would provide additional interest for the finder when there is a highly corroded and shapeless lump, but would often provide an excellent record for the museum archive and archaeological specialist.

Yours sincerely, JOHN PRICE (Chief Conservator, 1972-91, Ancient Monuments Laboratory), 19 Crondall Lane, Farnham, Surrey, September 3.

Oxford groups

From Mr Robert Long

Sir, I have just spent a splendid day in Oxford with my godson. As we walked through the Meadows, I noticed at the entrance to Christ Church two queues of tourists awaiting admission to the college. Each queue had a notice above it — one read "large groups" and the other read "small groups". It is indeed comforting that in an age of relativism, some things are absolute.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT J. LONG, 23 Chatley Road, Great Leighs, Chelmsford, Essex, September 5.

In tune in the womb

From Mr Peter J. Prynn

Sir, I read with some interest your report (September 5) of research at Harvard which has established that the youngest of infants can appreciate music and that, even at that tender age, consonant music is preferred to the dissonant.

My own research findings go further. My wife and I attended a number of opera performances when she was carrying our daughter Josephine. While the unborn child lay restfully through *The Marriage of Figaro* with just occasional rhythmic movements, during Bizet's *The Mask of Orpheus* she kicked and squirmed in the womb in obvious distress, which mirrored that of her father.

It is only fair to add that her mother is a great fan of Sir Harrison and Mozart and sat through both performances totally enthralled.

Yours faithfully,

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European talent combines well in Essex selection



SATURDAY'S events at Lord's will not have filled Essex people with joy... Mr Jennings has opted for a selection of foreign imports and English stalwarts...



Paulo Futre, the West Ham midfield player, gained three points in ITF this week. Is it time to draft him into your team?

- Goalkeeper: G Marshall (Celtic)
Full backs: G Neville (Manchester Utd), K Cunningham (Wimbledon)
Central defenders: F Leboeuf (Chelsea), R Gough (Rangers)
Midfield players: R Di Matteo (Chelsea), S McCall (Rangers), Juninho (Middlesbrough), M Ford (Leeds Utd)
Strikers: I Rush (Leeds Utd), F Ravaneli (Middlesbrough)
Manager: T Burns (Celtic)

It is early days, but if your team could be doing better, with your players lacking form and fitness, you can move into the transfer market to improve your fortunes...

change up to two players each week and to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Carling Premiership or Bell's Scottish League premier division.



HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS IN ITF

Table detailing points scored and deducted for various actions like goals, penalties, and fouls in the ITF game.

ENTER TIMES ITF BY TELEPHONE THERE ARE BIG PRIZES TO BE WON EVERY WEEK AND EVERY MONTH

The Manager of the Week and the Manager of the Month are up for grabs from now until the end of the season. You could be a winner of either by entering a team today... Enter ITF by phone on 0891 405 011

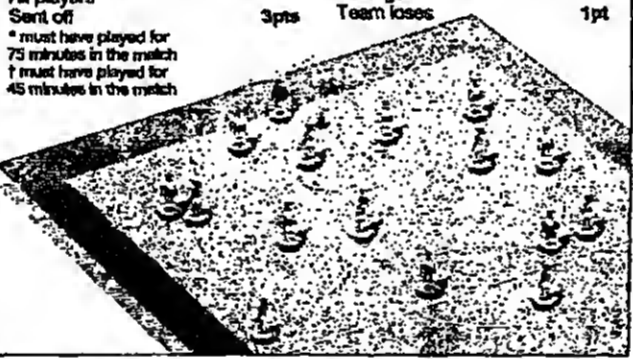


PLAY ITF ON-LINE

- 1. Enter The Times Internet Edition at http://www.the-times.co.uk
2. Look for the special ITF button.
3. Entry on-line costs £7.50, payable only by credit card.

THIS WEEK'S TRANSFERS table listing player movements between teams like Paul Parker to Derby County and Robbie Slater to Southampton.

All Interactive Team Football transfer queries should be directed to 0171-757 7016.



HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER IN ITF

Instructions on how to make a transfer, including a form with 'Player out Club' and 'Player in Club' fields, and a 'Player code' section.

THE LEADING 250 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL GAME

Table of leading entries (Pos 1-25) listing teams like Essex Eagles 96 FC, GAZERS Champions, and player names like (C Jennings).

FIND OUT HOW YOUR TEAM IS DOING. A graphic showing a football pitch with a call to action to check points and rankings.

Table of leading entries (Pos 26-100) listing teams like GAZERS Champions, AC Fantasy FC, and player names like (M Skippet).

Table of leading entries (Pos 101-250) listing teams like Jones Boys 8, Graeme's Greets 1, and player names like (M Jones).

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The ITF players, their points, and their values if you are considering the transfer option



Milosevic, the Aston Villa forward, scored two goals on Saturday to open his ITF account, giving him six points

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Arsenal are all present without a manager

